Education+

24-page pull-out packed with higher education appointments



WEATHER: Mainly sunny

Mr. Punch: Off with his head!

Tories switch millions to schools

The Government is considering providing an emergency package for schools by cutting up to £200m from money for training the young un-

The national council in charge of youth training for more than 277,000 unemployed teenagers said last night that it had "scrious concerns" that swingeing cuts were to be announced in next week's

Budget. Gillian Shepherd, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, is under immense pressure to produce more resources for schools following criticisms of poor test regrowing class numbers and lack fiscipline in schools such as The Ridings, near Halifax.

By switching money within the budget of Mrs Shephard's department, the Government can avoid inter-departmental quarrels and Emergency plan to cope with education crisis

thus make the cuts less conspicu-Chris Humphreys, chief executive of the national council which oversees the 81 Training and Enterprise

Councils in England and Wales, said those in charge of youth training were extremely worried. There are very strong concerns that the schools system in England

is not attracting the resources it needs and that young people in training are the ones who will be made to pay," he said.
John Howell, chief executive of

the south London TEC (Solotec) and the former managing director of Singer, said the cuts would alarm the private sector, where the TECs enjoy the support of organisations such as ICI, British Steel and Woolwich Building Society.

"My understanding is that there are going to be cuts and they are going to be sizeable," he said. "What we are talking about here is the destruction of the work based route back into employment - the route of training alongside emloyers. We have moved away from the old days of the YOP scheme which involved community work and

we are giving people work-based qualifications relevant to the world of work." Mr Howell said that 1,200 of the 6,000 trainees at Solotec could be

There are fears that up to 27 per cent of the £180m youth training budget, which gives 50,000 training places, could be at risk.

The places under threat are those

which are for trainees over 18. Un-employed 16- and 17-year-olds who are not in education are guaranteed TEC place.

Representatives of the TECs have been in lengthy talks with Mrs Shephard and James Paice, the education minister, over changes in the way the department's budget is

There have been criticisms of TECs over their drop-out rates and low qualification achievements.

The TECs, which are jointly funded by private husiness, argue that they are turning the corner and that their achievements are being recognised by employers and young

The number of people enrolling for the courses has been steadily indescribed as "non-guaranteed", creasing since 1993-94 and the

numbers achieving qualifications of NVQ level two or above has increased from 37 per cent to 82 per cent since 1991.

Godfrey Blakeley, spokesman for the TEC National Council, said: Word has finally got around that youth training is a realistic way into a job. After five or six years of painful improvement this thing is coming

good.
"It is this approach which is the reason for Germany's high level of skills in industry. Now, in typical British fashion, we are planning to diminish it just as it is bedding

In 1989, almost two-thirds of participants left their course early for no good reason, but the dropout figure has been reduced to just over a third, which is similar to the

rate in other education programm for 16-18-year-olds. Mrs Shephard has been an en-

thusiastic supporter of vocational qualifications and acknowledged recently that more money would be needed if they are to be successful. The education budget is under im-mense strain, with £700m needed to pay for the mursery voucher scheme for all four-year-olds from April. Millions more is being allocated for extra security in schools following the outery after the death of the headmaster Philip London

Lawrence. The youth training budget for England alone now stands at £669m a year. There are 600,000 under-25s without a job and unemployment for 16- 19-year-olds is 15 per cent,

compared to 8 per cent for all ages. The Department for Education and Employment would not discuss its plans in advance of the Budget. Worst school of all?, page 4



Gillian Shephard: Under pressure to boost resources

Rise in abortion after pill scare

lealth Editor.

Health ministers are today accused of precipitating a "needless penic" over the contraceptive Pill as new government figures suggest that last year's scare lead

A new analysis of the Pill scare also highlights its international impact and long-term effects, and concludes that the Government's advice to women to: change from certain brands of the Pill was "unnecessarily alarmist and out of step with the assessment of medical information in other countries".

The analysis coincides with publication today of the abortion statistics for the first quarter of 1996, the period most likely to be affected by the events of October 1995. The figures are expected to show a significant increase in abortions of 6 to 7 per cent although some doc-

tors are predicting it could be higher. Dr Frank Furedi, head of development studies at Kent University, and Anne Furedi, director of the Birth Control Trust (a charity promoting reproductive health and family planning), who carried out the analysis, say that a "pill panie" was waiting to happen in the UK. This followed newspaper and television reports in 1994 and 1995 of deaths linked to one particular brand

of the so-called "third generation" combined oral contraceptive Pills.

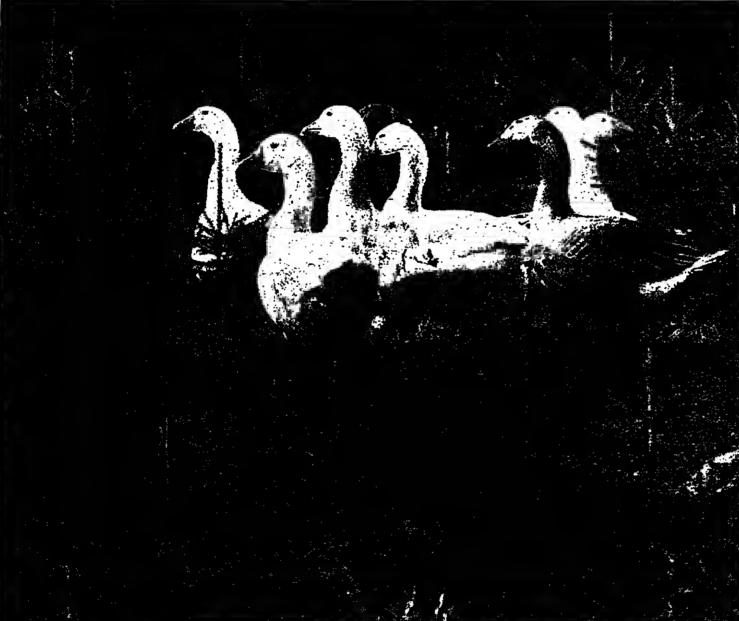
When preliminary data from three unpublished studies became available suggesting that women taking third-generation Pills - those containing the synthetie hormones gestodene or desogestrel - were twice as likely to suf-fer blood clots as women on older, cheaper brands, the Government took action. Around 1.5 million women taking seven of the most popular brands

were advised to change.

This decision was driven largely by "the threat of media criticism and pos-sible subsequent litigation," the report says, rather than concern for public health or any significant risk to women. It claims that Department of Health officials "overreacted and panicked" in putting out the Pill alert.

"Our research shows that this was a needless panic. Only in Britain and Germany, and later in Norway, did medical authorities conclude that women using third-generation combined pills should he advised to change to other brands.". Ms Furedi said yesterday.

The Furedi report says that unlike other transitory health scares, the 1995 Pill scare will reinforce the public's view that oral-contraception poses risks that outweigh its considerable advantages. In addition, the scare has meant that doctors are reluctant to prescribe combined orai contraception Pills, and "has reinforced a climate where legal action is more likely to be launched" by patients. The International Impact of a Pill Panic in the UK is available from the Buth



On patrol: Geese watching over Christman trees at Geoff Field's farm in the Cheviots, Northumberland

So Crash is depraved? You may be disappointed

I can, if I so desire, go and see films fea-turing lots of sex, and films full of excit-ingly-shot car crashes. I cannot though, go and see a film which features both.

David Cronenberg's film Crash, based on J.G. Ballard's novel, has been ruled

out-of-bounds for showing in West End cinemas. The decision made yesterday by Westminster City Council to impose an interim ban means that the film must now be considered by the British Board of Film classification later this year.

If I was to prepared to risk my life in the Channel timnel, I could of course nip over to Paris and watch it. If the hysterical fears about Crash were well-founded, one would have thought that Paris is by now a place full of smouldering wrecked cars peopled with perverted Parisians copulating amongst the debris. This does not, however, appear to be the

Why? Perhaps because French citizens are less easily influenced than we are. Perhaps because they don't believe every-Control Trust, 16 Mortimer Street, London W1N 7RD. thing they see. Perhaps because they understand the difference between reality and fantasy. Perhaps because this film is meant to arouse the imagination.

rather than the libido. In Britain however, Crash has aroused indignation and incomprehension. De-spite pleas on its behalf from prominent writers and artists from Salmon Rushdie. to Mike Leigh, a dreadful literalism prevails. Without all this fuss , whipped up mostly by those who haven't seen the film.



by Suzanne Moore

imberg's movie would probably have been big box office any way. of us who are Cronenberg fans ever expected his films to be an easy is particularly comfortable ride. We sat a legged through Dead Ringers did featured twin gynaecologists fashionin surgical instruments for "mutant word." A feel-good movie is the last

thing would ever expect of this man. subject of Ballard's novel, which he ne eerily described as a kind of intenor intobiography, is an exploration of sex of violence in entertainment culture was he explains, "the probably they are having on the public ima lation".

The lovel, written more than twenty years was "a cantionary tale," a propho vision of what happens when croticised, when ordinary people been to obsessed with celebrity life rity death. Crash takes our ob-

session with sex and cars to its logical and yes, extreme, conclusion. Ballard who realised he could write science fiction set in the English suburbs is himself concerned about the level of violence in cinema pointing out that Reservoir Dogs is far more likely to incite copycat behav-

iour than anything in Crash.

The Westminster councillors have bizarrely insisted that one of the lines that should be cut from the film is "Car crashes are fertilising not destructive". There, you have just read it, but you are not presently permitted to see an actor savmg it, presumably on the grounds that you might be persuaded this was true.

Crash will offend, it will bore and it

will fail, in some eyes, because after all the bype, it is not a film designed to titillate. Cronenberg, speaking the other day, told us that one of the most common complaints about the film was that the car crashes were not realistic enough. So used are we apparently to seeing them on screen in slow-motion, that his crash-

es were not exciting enough.

That is a definition of depravity if ever there was one and in essence is what the film is actually attempting to bring to the surface. Yet to ban this film one must assume it depraves and corrupts, that it may cause imitative behaviour. This is ludicrous and just because the censors cannot distinguish between reality and fiction how date they assume we can't ei-

Councillors ban film, Page 9

Photograph: Glynn Griffiths

QUICKLY Tunnel stays shut The Channel Tunnel will be closed at least until Monday, amid fears that the northbound tunnel was badly damaged by the fire on Monday. Page 2

Yeltsin comeback The Russian President Boris Yelsin took a crucial step in his long-awaited comeback by ap-pearing on television. He

looked thinner and older than

before his bypass. Page 14

The Recordsheet

the fire on Monday.

CONTENTS

THE DIVUUSIGE	
Business & City2	2-24
Comment19	9-2 1
Foreign News 1	2-1
Gazette	18
Home News	
Law Report	18
Leaders and Letters	. 19
Obituaries	
Shares	
Sport2	8-32
Unit Trusts	
Section Two	
Arts Reviews	
Campus	12
Crossword	22
Dilemmas	.10
Film	4.5

Listings20, 21

Radio and TV 23, 24

Goosestep guard keeps watch in Christmas forest

Glenda Cooper

The Romans employed them to save the city from marauding Gauls and now British Christmas tree growers are turning to cackling geese to combat tree-rustlers.

The British Christmas Tree Growers Association warned vesterday that thicves are likely to take advantage of next week's full moon to execute Large-scale pilfering could push small growers into bankruptcy.

"A full moon makes it much casier for thieves. If it's dark it's obviously more difficult to pick up the trees," said Tony Richardson, the association's secretary. There isn't a dark night until 10 December after which we'll be fairly safe."

"Losses are very important to the small grower," he added. Those who only have two or three thousand trees and get 200

or so pinched can be pushed to

the edge."
One of the best means of protection is geese. Geoffrey Field of East Sussex, who has been growing Christmas trees for more than 20 years, employs eight geese to watch his two acres of trees. "They are a great deterrent," said Mr Field. "A lot of people are terrified of geese, particularly if they have been chased by one as a child.

In Wales, Dyfed-Powys police have urged residents to be on the look out for thieves. Some 2.000 farmers in a network of "Farm Watch" schemes are being asked to report suspicious vehicles. "We need to take more care than usual," added Mr Richardson, a retired general. "The problem with Christmas trees is when they have been pinched it is jolly difficult

to identify them as yours." More news for geese, page 5

PLUS, FOR EARLY INVESTORS, A PREMITUM RATE OF 8% GROSS P.A. UNTIL 1.2.97. 0 The Abbey National Guaranteed Growth Bond. Simply invest a minimum of £10,000 over a 3 or 5 year period and receive a guaranteed return of up to 140%. To ensure that you don't miss out, call into your nearest branch, or call Abbey National Direct free and quote reference A452B/13. 0800 100 801 K217

Lines are open Mustake to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm, To assist us in improving our service we may record or monitor calls. This offer may be withdrawn at any thine. The rate of 5% group p.a. will be earned from Date of Opening until 1.2.97. The term of the bund commences on 2.2.97. The manimum investment is £10,000, No additional deposits are allowed. No withdrawals are permitted before 1.2.96. The Bond will manure on 1.2.9000 or 2002 (depending on twin chosen at the outset). When the Bond matures a total return of 121% (3 year term, equivalent to 6.56% gross p.a.) or 140,25% (5 year term, equivalent to 7.00% gross p.a.) of the original investment plus the Premium interest will be paid. You may be able to register with us to retaine interest gross; otherwise it will be paid not of section tax at the prescribed rate. See leafler for full conditions, Abbey National and the Umbrella Couple symbol are trademarks of Abbey National ptc, Abbey House, Baker Street, London NW1 6XL

significant shorts

Supermarket Labour gets knifeman shot set for early dead by police by-election

A man was shot dead in a supermarket by police marksmen yesterday after he attacked the store manager

The 40-year old-man is believed to have stabbed the manager in the back and possibly in the stomach Wingfield, the Labour before being killed at the Coop mini-market in Ward End, which he denied, that he had Birmingham. He attacked the been violent to women. manager for "no apparent reason", said police.

The man is reported to have held a knife to the manager's throat and to have handcuffed him before stabbing him. There was a suggestion last night that the incident may have been linked to a dispute, possibly between the knifeman, who may be suffering from mental problems, and his mother, at a house nearby house nearby.

will

Witnesses told of hearing four or five shots being fired.

Judge ups libel award to 1p

A High Court jury's award of "zero" damages to former Reynolds against The Sunday Times was upped to Ip today. The increase came after Mr Justice French ruled that

Mr Reynolds was entitled to nominal damages, given the jury's verdict yesterday. The jurors decided, by a majority of 10-1, that the allegation complained of by Mr Reynolds was not "in substance true" - hut then went on to make the "zero" award. The judge's ruling

may have a bearing on who should pay costs, unofficially estimated at more than £1m. Mr Reynolds sued over a November 1994 story, headed Goodbye gombeen man. Why a fih too far proved fatal". The newspaper denied libel, pleading qualified privilege and justification.

Vandals wreck gravestones

About 115 gravestones have been wrecked by cemetery vandals, police in Scotland

said yesterday. The stones, most of which were old, were overturned in Inveresk Cemetery, Musselburgh, Lothian, at the weekend.

"This is a despicable act of vandalism," a police spokesman said. "Not only is this wanton damage, but seriously injured if a beadstone fell on them. Police are appealing for

Labour is on alert for an early by-election in Wirral South. after the Liberal Democrat candidate, Paul Gilchrist, pulled out of the contest "for family reasons" on Tuesday. The surprise move followed the resignation of Ian

The vacancy was caused by the death last mouth of Barry Porter, the Tory former minister. If Labour holds Barnsley East, and wins Wirral South, the government would be one seat short of a majority. John Rentoul

Ulster Loyalist leaders yesterday urged the Prime Minister at a meeting in Downing Street to hring Sinn Fein into all-party peace talks in Northern Ireland.

The message was reinforced last night in a frank exchange of views between Irish and British ministers in Belfast. The meetings took place after Sinn Fein tabled a four-point plan for the resumption of the IRA ceasefire, which is unacceptable to British ministers. Colin Brown

Universities work to rule

Around 100,000 staff at universities and colleges of higher education yesterday hegan an indefinite work to rule following Tuesday's 24hour pay strike. Employees from professors to porters at some 200 institutions are banning overtime and are "working to contract" in

protest at a 2.5 per cent pay offer for manual workers and 1.5 per cent for other staff. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals is looking to next week's budget to increase spending on higher education to avert further strikes. Barrie Clement

Great leap for mature man

Story Musgrave, 61, yesterday became the oldest astronaut ever as the latest Space Shuttle mission went into orbit. Dr Musgrave has spent more than 860 hours in space and almost 30 years on particularly dangerous for the Nasa's space programme. But culprits. They could be this will be his last flight. Dr Musgrave announced before the launch that be has been told not to expect another trip into orbit. Charles Arthur

THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

Language	MININGS
Belgum BFr80	haly L4,500
Canames Pis300	Madera Esc325
CyprusC£1.20	Maria 43 cents
Denmark Dkr18	Norway Nkr20
Insh Rep45p	Portugal Esc325
France Fr14	Span Pts300
Germany DM4.5	SwedenSkr21
Greecebr450	Switzerland . Str4.00
Ithorntones 1000	100x 63.00

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS Air mail, 13 weeks: Europe | 110,76; Zone 1 (Middle East, America, Africa and Indial £184.08; Zone ? (Far East and Australians) £206.70. To order, please send cheque payable to Johnsons International Media Service Lasto 43 Milliarbour, London EL- 9TR or telephone 0171 BACK ISSUES

Back issues of the Independent are available from Luxernbourg . . 1980 USA \$3.00 Historic Newspapers, telephone 01988 840370.

Alastair, darling ... but not Mr Campbell

It is a difficult tale. Chief Secretary to the Treasury William Waldegrave issues this hig document claiming to cost all Labour's 89 spending commitments ("copper-bottomed" -John Major). Most of it is nonsense, some of it is true, but at the front it says that - in its compilation - civil servants were used in accordance with rules laid down by Sir Peter Butler (head of the Civil Service and thus a godlike figure on a par with Lords Cullen, Nolan, the Police Federation and Scien-

Then some over-enthusiastic Tory spin-doctor called Charles Lewington tells the political editor of the Daily Telegraph (shy, retiring George Jones)



DAVID A A R O N O V I T C H

that Sir Peter bas "approved" said document. This is repeated by Mr Jones on Newsnight, and in BBC bulletins throughout the long, political night. Sir Robin Butler is miffed -

and assures the world that it ain't so, leading the London Evening Standard to conclude (in a banner headline) "Bang

goes Tory Tax Bombshell". So, without a single assertion in the document being so much as debated, it has already been derailed by an inaccurate claim about someone entirely irrelevant to its content - being refuted, OK?

And that is why Mr Tim Al-lan, joint number two to Tony Blair's press secretary Alastair Campbell, staggered to Labour's rebuttal press conference carrying a large bundle of the helpfully headlined Standards, which he then proceeded to band out free to the

assembled journalists. Then Mr Peter Mandelson (either the "sexiest MP in Britain", or a "force lurking in the darkness", or both), began

bouse journal of the Tory party, hot-foot from the Newsnight studios!" This obscure jibe was clearly intolerable to the sensitive Jones, who promptly walked out. "I hope he punch-es him on the nose", said ITN's political editor, Michael Brunson, remaining firmly seated despite his clear sense of outrage.

him affectionately. Eventually Gordon Brown appeared. He was late, he said, because "the exercise of finding Tory lies takes n bit longer than you initially allocate". As is his habit, Mr Brown followed this

"Anyway," he went on, "it's all

based on BBC mis-reporting."

The BBC contingent regarded

isometrically testing bis lower mandible.

He had his own costing to reveal. The whole exercise was "the most expensive lie in po-litical history", at £7m (mandihle stretch). And it was all rubbish because - under his regime - "ministers will be asked to save before they spend" (stretch). Presumably they could start by not telling any lies, saving £7m a throw.

There were more statistics. We had, according to Mr Brown, "89 Tory lies on top of 22 Tory tax increases". I made that 111 Nasty Things in total. £777m wasted on lies, hut avail-

to berate the Telegraph man with ambiguous sentence with a able to an incoming Labour bere's George Jones of the stretch of his jaw, as though telling the truth.

Mr Brown then offered the stage to "Alastair, darling". This turned out not to be an intimate invitation to the hovering Mr Campbell, hut an introduction to Alastair Darling, Shadow Chief Secretary, to address us. Mr Darling - who, with his startling silver hair, jet-hlack eyebrows and pixic features, looks like something from a Richard Dadd painting - was there to re-fute the Tory claims one by one. It was a lie that Labour planned to spend more on rail safety, nurseries, the disabled etc. as the wicked Tories falsely At £7m each, that amounted to averred. Which is a shame,

Move to change listing of St Pancras station to accommodate works for Channel tunnel

Threat to Queen of railway stations

Stephen Goodwin Heritage Correspondent

A last-ditch attempt will be made in the House of Lords tonight to stop ministers re-moving historic building protection from St Pancras, the undisputed Queen Empress of

railway stations". The Government wants to remove the protection to help London and Continental Railways (LCR) raise the money it needs to develop the station as the terminus for the Channel Tunnel rail link, But Lord Cavendish, a Commissioner of English Heritage, will try to amend the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill to ensure that the Secretary of State for the En-

vironment retains power to call in any plans for St Pancras. Ministers are at loggerheads with their own advisers, English Heritage, and quietly re-arranged the timetable of business in the Lords to try to

avoid a damaging confrontation. Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of EH, regards the "carteblanche" exemption as "fundamentally unacceptable". In a LCR and his Cabinet minister bosses that St Pancras was a "national treasure" and warned of a parliamentary challenge. The Rail Link Bill comes up

for Third Reading after two years in the legislative mill. When parliamentary husiness was announced last Thursday, the Bill was not scheduled for debate. Conservationists campaigning for St Pancras believe it has been brought forward to thwart their efforts to raily support. Earlier this year LCR was engaged to build the £3hn link under the private finance initiative (PFI). The surrender of statutory powers to allay LCR's fear of any delay because

of planning inquiries will "dri-ve a coach and horses through historic huilding protection and set a dangerous precedent for PFI projects, the Victorian

Society says. The Society's concern, and that of EH which it prodded into the fight, is over the effect of the new terminus on the St Pancras "train shed" - the vast hanger over the platforms be-hind the imposing Midland Grand Hotel. When huilt in 1852 by the engineer William

Barlow it was the largest singlespan structure in the world. English Heritage would have some control over shops on the concourse hut none about the overall dimensions of an extension to the train shed, which could be of similar vast dimensions to the Eurostar station at Waterloo. The Government will ask peers to rely on guidelines agreed with LCR.

Both the Society and EH are encouraged by what LCR have said about conservation and what the architects, beaded by Sir Norman Foster, have shown of their plans. "There is every bope that the new St Pancras combination of the new and the old," said William Filmer-Sankey, director of the Society

But if LCR are unable to raise as much money as they had hoped for the project, economies may have to be made. There are doubts in the City on whether LCR will raise the £900m it wants from a planned stock market flotation next year. And Monday's Channel Tunnel fire has put a question mark over revenues from its subsidiary, Eurostar, on which everything depends.

The ghost of Sir Alastair Morton in financial straits will haunt all Channel Tunnel projects," said Mr Filmer-Sankey.



ming centuries: Girders of William Barlow's imposing 1850s St Pancras station hangar Photograph: Brian Harris

alls for Chunnel to stay closed until made safer

Christian Wolmar, Barrie Clement, Mary Dejevsky

The Channel Tunnel will be closed at least until Monday according to SNCF, the French railway company. There have been calls that it should remain shut until new safety measures are introduced.

The continued delay places

the financial future of Euro-tunnel in jeopardy as it will lose a million pounds a day in revenue and, possibly more importantly, public confidence in the project.

The announcement by SNCF

came amid growing fears that severe devastation has been caused to the northbound tunnet and that smoke may have also damaged signalling and controls on the Southbound The fire on Monday night oc-

curred near one of the tunnel's

two crossover points and it is thought that smoke could have penetrated onto the other line but Eurotunnel refused to comment on the extent of damage last night apart from calling it John Whitwell, deputy secretary of the Institution of Civil Engineers, said that the tunnel

was lined with 290mm thick concrete heavily reinforced with steel and that this will have fallen off. He said that a similar fire in the Storebaelt tunnel in Denmark had caused extensive damage and much cracking of concrete. The worst problem would be cleaning off the soot: The soot will cake on conductors and signalling equipment, which will take a very long time to clean off." He said it was likely that the northbound tun-

nel would take months to repair. For most of yesterday, Eurotunnet's own engineering teams and officials from the Inter-Governmental Safety Commission met in Calais to discuss the conditions of the tunnel but refused to grant Eurotunnel permission to run any services.

While the undamaged part of the train has been taken out at the Folkestone end, the wrecked section of 14 wagons will be taken out in France today after the wheels have been separated from the rails to which they have become welded. The company may attempt to take it out at night to avoid the world's cameras focussing on the sight which will be of great emharrassment to the

troubled company. Firefighters urged the Govcrament to keep the channel

safety measures were enforced. Ken Cameron, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, accused management of "com-

The firefighters' leader set out three principles for the safe operation of the route including the introduction of enclosed rolling stock for transporting lorries rather than the present open cage-like trucks.

Mr Cameron called for the tunnel to come under the jurisdiction of the Health and Safety Executive - an independent agency funded by the British government - rather than the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority which operated under the auspices of the Inter-Governmental Commit-

Mr Cameron's call was backed by Colin Brown, deputy research director of Consumers' Association, who said: "The operating licence for both freight and car-carrying shuttle services should be suspended until major safety problems are

French offer Gallic shrug

a Frenchman: plans for a clam-

Mary Dejevsky

Anyone looking for evidence of the cultural chasm that still divides the French and the British had only to scan the front pages of yesterday's newspapers at either and of the stricken Chan-

While the people of Folkestone were reading with borror fered any front page report at of the Eurotunnel fire, the "panic" in he passenger carriage and the recriminations of the lorry drives, the people of Calais wouli have been hard put to it to find much about the fire at all, beyond congratulating themselves on a rescue operation that had runflike clockwork.

pdown on private cars in Paris, 'leaked" details of the scheme that will replace conscription, a government project to make convicted sex offenders take treatment, the third day of a lorry drivers' strike that is hlockading several big cities, and more

But only the staid Figuro ofall about the Eurotunnel fire. and this was tucked inconspicuously half way down the right hand side with a headline that said: "Eurotunnel - a drama averted." The summary of an article inside the paper suggested the paper's line: The fire started "for an unknown reason" in Yesterday's front pages in a lorry leaving from the French

arrived quickly on the scene ... SNCF (French railways) cannot say exactly when services will re-

Only inside was there any talk of "panic" and evident "gaps" in safety arrangements. It was a similar story on the

airwaves. While the British media were leaving no lorry driver and no official un-interviewed in their quest to find out what had gone wrong and who was responsible, the French were being treated to accounts of how fast the coordinated French-British rescue services had arrived and forecasts of how soon the tunnel would reopen. Even on the morning after the fire, it was the unfortunate fall in Eurotunnel share values that head-France offered plenty to worry terminal ... the rescue services ed French news bulletins.

Ruddles County Riddles. No. 12. Change for the Better

Peter, Jemes end Johe hed erraeged to meet op with ceveral ether key members of their local village ariekst team to watch highlights from ee estheciestic amateur video of their letest, greatest mid-season match.

Like any thoughtful bests catering for grown-up tastes they decided to get in a basic stock of flavoursome Ruddlee County in scereniest case. They else agreed se frieeds de. ty share the expense end each naipped is a topper is the kitty. Johe velenisered is pop

reacd to the Off Licence on

After he'd left ledee with ele the Mesager of the Off Liesens realised he'd nversherged him by £5. To restify the situaties immediately, he gave his new essistant 5 peemd esies and lastracted bim to rec

after Jobe end reters the

carrest checas. The assistant who was co probeties (is more sauses then one) caught op with John, explained the eitestica but being e little accominal

with the truth kept 2 peecd coice for himself end returned 3 poecd ecies to Johe.

Uncuspecting John theekad him and returned £1 each to Peter and Jemes, keeping £t for himself. In effect this meant that the 3 friends had expeeded £9 each sed the shifty essisteet had elebed £2.

The etrange thing in this £9 multiplied by 3 = £27,00 plas £2 that was misapproprieted = £29.00.

What happeed to the



A: Tals is en accompany fallacy. The connect way to do the com is 225 divided by 3 = 28.83 ar incread + 22 takes without authordly. Mon we're only 19 elect of 430.

Nation of self-indulgent xenophobes?

Permissive but intolerant, liberal but cautious, the British are a contradictory lot according to a new survey

David Walker

My Lam. (Lathing) to the freedom.

. but an introduc

or Darling Share territory to address to add

(pwa-scatters h Bitter Brott a Rich

diffe. Was thereby averague one by that I already by the three th

the disabled of

tunnel

Back in the grey and austere 1940s, tens of thousands of respeciable British people tried smoking dope. Perhaps it was with the Army in a Cairo souk, perhaps it was in the backstreets of Liverpool. We know streets of Liverpool. We know Britain is ageing. That social that because three per cent of fact has become a kind of those who are now 65 report that they did to the latest British

Social Anitudes survey.

We now live in a different Britain, and there is a lot more dope. Of those aged 18 to 24, more than one in three (37 per cent) acknowledge some expenence with the weed. Only a third of 18-24-year-olds disagree with the proposition that cannabis be legalised - the rest either agree or won't plump. But according to today's sur-

vey - the annual snapshopt of the nation's beliefs - we are not a nation of drug-heads. More than four-fifths don't want hero-in legalised, and it is only in places like London that you get significant. in legalised, and it is only in places like London that you get significant numbers agreeing with the idea that possession of small amounts of heroin should not be prosecuted. But the fact

The vision is of a future Britain that is liberal and tolerant

is that youth is a lot more liberal-minded and, as far as cannabis goes, they do it as well as approve of it.

Yeî illiberalism is evident m our views of foreigners. Significant evidence of xenophobia is uncovered, with nearly twothirds of English people saying the number of immigrants should be cut and a quarter saying immigrants increase crime: rates. During the past couple of years there has been a marked shift of opinion against the Eu-

Not surprisingly, young peo-ple's liberalism extends to sex. Ask younger people about sex on television or homosexuality and you get a broadly tolerant, permissive reply. If you extend questions to the family, there are signs of young people preferring friends to family for advice or loans. -

That's the youth of today. Project that picture 40 years into the future and what do you get?

7.15 1.144 A

e alca in statut . Totals in the

1 K 1 K 1 K

and the

of a second-rate sitcom, but it is a fair reflection of what is to come. Between the lines of the survey is a pretty convincing pic-ture of a future Britain that is more liberal, tolerant and, yes, there's a peculiar whiff in the air in the nid folks' home.

mantra for welfare state pessimists and a category of doomsters worrying about how we'll pay for pensions. Most of that anxiety is either misplaced or stirred up by people on the right who think you can run an ad-vanced civilised society on a Japanese-size tax base. They col-lude with new moralists who would like the future to be censored, repressed and locked up inside the family.
The political fashionableness

of the new moralism is not founded on changed public attitudes. Virginia Bottomley takes it upon herself to say that who (according to the BSA) say a "film with a frank scene of man and woman having sex" should never be allowed on cinema screens. British Social Atthudes, records majorities for banning adult telephone ser-vices and a higher proportion of people saying they would ban sex on the radio than in cinema.

That is not to say the British are permissive. On a scale of one to six, six represating showing everything to everyone and one a complete ban on all sex scenes everywhere, the national average is 2.55. It is when that is broken down for age and education the future starts to look liberal. The 18-24 age group scores 3.13 and graduates 3.00. And those figures link with BSA measure of attitudes to

abortion and cuthanasia. more liberal the country be an ily are much exaggerated, the comes. The older today syoung research concludes, after expeople got, the more liberal we get. The evidence is that people do not, as they age, get crotchety like their parents. On the contrary, once picked up, liberalism lingers like a virus -what researchers call a cohort effect. "Society's attitudes are likely to become more permissive as younger cohorts replace the older ones," the survey says. The evidence predicts that 21st century Britain will have a Oldies smoking while watching strong liberal bedrock - unless sexy videos with their gay tomorrow's young people turn friends? It sounds like the plot reactionary and illiberal.







Flag is raised for Little **England**

OUR HATES

show np, with nearly two-thirds of English people and yet more Scots ap-proving the proposition that Britain should limit imports to protect the economy. Around a third of both na-tions say television should give pref-erence to British programmes.

There is widespread support for the proposition that political refugees

should be allowed to stay in Britain and near-unanimous support for schools making more effort to teach foreign languages. But some 64 per cent of English people and slightly more Scots and Welsh say immigrant numbers should be reduced. Some 37 per cent of the English and 34 per cent of Scots disagree that immigrants are good for the economy -which, taken with evidence that people favour making Britain more open to new ideas and cultures, suggests a certain schizophrenia on immigration.

In 1994, 37 per cent of British peo-ple wanted closer ties to the European Union, but a year later, this figure had dropped to 29 per cent. There was a marked fall in the numbers of those wanting the UK to unite fully with the EU. Yet some 14 per cent (up from 11 per cent in 1994) want the UK to leave the EU, while 28 per cent want Britain to increase EU powers.

British Social Animales says the na-

tion is now divided into four identifiable groups - supra-nationalists unmoved by symbols of British nationhood (and more likely to read The Independent, they say); patriots who are not anti-immigrant but relish national sentiment; belligerents, who read the Sun and want to keep people out, but are not proud of what we have; and John Bulls who want to keep

Family life is victim of clock The not-so-flexible worker

The more graduates, the Reports of the death of the famaniming the extent to which relatives keep in touch with each down to 45 per cent.
other and rely on family mem. Despite growing bers for loans, help and advice. But changes in the pattern

of work, notably the growth in numbers of women in fall time employment, seems to have cut family contact among Adult women in full-time

work see much less of their mothers than they did a decade ago. In 1986 some 64 per cent of working women saw their mother (assuming she did not

once a week; by 1995 this was

Despite growing mobility and a common tendency for people to move away from their family home to attend college and seek employment most family members still live within an hoar's journey of one an-

Around two thirds of parents with grown up children live less than an hour's journey time away from at least one of their sons nr daughters - down, but nnly slightly, on the figures for most authoritarian, too.

contact with friends has also fallen – suggesting it is change in work and leisure time that explains the change rather than some cataclysmic "de-

cline of the family". The family that prays together stays together ... What the data shows is that church attenders score the highest on the researchers' "family orientation index" - a composite measure of attitudes towards family life and contacts. Profamily families emerge as the

m years ago. Employees are now markedly Contact between relatives Employees are now markedly less willing to retrain in order Log Market 10 M

has fallen in recent years. But to get a new job than they were ployed 44 per cent were willing in the mid-1980s, while unemployed people are less willing than they ever were to take an "unacceptable" job rather than

stay on benefits. According to British Social
Attitudes the "flexible labour market" wished by Government ministers is less in evidence now than ten years' ago.

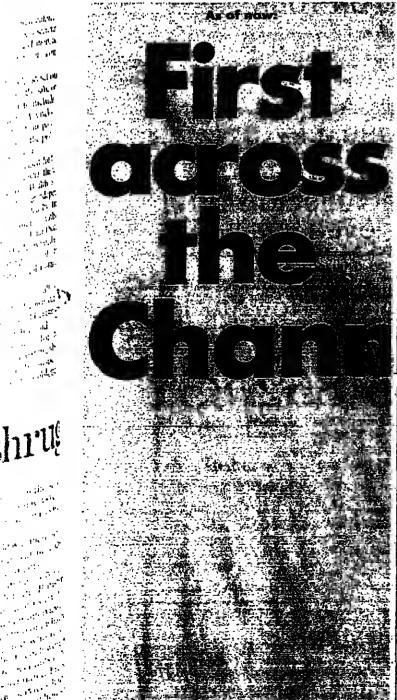
Asked if they would be willing to retrain to find a replacement joh, 49 per cent of employees said they would be "very willing", compared with 54 per cent in 1983. Of the unemto retrain compared with 50 per cent a decade ago.

However there are some signs the unemployed are now more willing to think about moving house in order to find work. Some 59 per cent of the unemployed say they have never considered moving, down from 65 per cent in 1983.

The survey suggests that despite lots of talk about job insecurity peoples' attitudes towards the job market are more bullish than they have been for some time and their be-months.

present employer more than 20 years, compared with 11 per cent in this category in 1991 suggesting there is a core of the workforce which is highly se-

However more people than a decade ago consider it likely they will leave their present job during the year ahead and there has been a significant drop in the proportion of employees who consider it unlikely there won't be some disturbance in their employment in coming



Small, fat men with big columns fall out

Marianne Macdonald Media Correspondent

Punch, the reborn satirical magazine, seemed to have developed a curse which put Hello in the shade yesterday after its editor was sacked only a month after the premature departure of his deputy.

Peter McKay, the former gossip columnist with n repu-nation for enjoying the good things in life, left yesterday after a showdown with his chairman, the former London Evening Standard editor Stewart Steven.

Mr McKay had been appointed editor in March by Mr Steven, his old friend and for-mer editor at the Standard. His job was to relaunch

Punch for its new owner, the Harrods proprietor Molamed al-Fayed, four years after the 151-year-old magazine was closed by United Newspapers amid £1m annual losses and the image of being read only in den-tists' waiting rooms. Mr McKay was paid a salary of £180,000, but allegedly on condition that he did not write for any other publication without Mr Steven's written permission.

To Mr Steven's surprise, therefore, he opened the Daily Mail at the start of this month to see a column by Peter McKay. This is understood to have caused a difference of opinion between the two old friends, with Mr Steven taking the view that he would be unable to carry out the difficult task of successfully relaunching Punch if he was devoting some of his time to the Daily Mail.





Knock-out Punch: MacKay in characteristic guise, and his first issue

peared after its first foray, and Fleet Street observers conchided that that was the end of

Imagine Mr Steven's astonishment, then, on opening the Mail on Monday to find his editor once again gracing the comment pages with a column.
By now relations are said to

have soured somewhat, with Mr McKay arguing that he was perfectly entitled to write a column in his spare time on Sunday and Mr Steven arguing that he was not.

After a formal warning, the Saga came to a head. Mr McK
McKay will take legal action.

After a formal warning, the Saga came to a head. Mr McK
McKay will take legal action.

The column duly disap- ay refused to drop his column, arguing in his defence that Mr Steven himself found time to write a political column for the Mail on Sunday:

The dispute was not helped by Punch's feeble circulation. which at around 45,000 is harely more than when it was closed by United.

Mr McKay finally left the magazine yesterday without a pay-off two months after it was launched with a glittering party at Harrods, and one month after his deputy, Mike Molloy, also departed.

Mr Steven said last night: "I'm very sorry that Peter McKay has left. I believe he had

the chance of turning Punch

round, but he behaved in a fash-

ion which made it inevitable that

I could no longer work with

Mr Steven, who now finds himself back in the editing seat. is expected to begin the search for a replacement at once. As he has in his gift what some regard as one of the best jobs in Fleet Street, with opportunities to be seen around town and a salary larger than some news-It is not clear whether Mr paper editors are paid, the task

el-last

You can now be in Zurich by 9 a.m., board a connecting flight before 10, and beat many London nonstops to early evening flight to Zurich and our 8:50 p.m. to London You couldn't spend your day much more efficiently than that. And better cared for: by Swissair hospitality.

The catch? You'll have to be an early bird (but not

swisscir and world's most refreshing cirling.

Figures hide the fact that £10m building is designed to integrate children with a range of special needs

Real story behind the school with the nation's worst results

Education Correspondent

Yesterday Filsham Valley School came bottom in the Government's school league tables - one of only two com-prehensives in England where no pupil gained five high-grade GCSEs.

This might have been just the sort of school whose failures ministers aimed to expose when they spent £1.2m on publishing all exam results, but it isn't.

Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education, clearly did not think so when she officially opened the East Sussex comprehensive in May, two years after it took in its first

The parents of last year's four GCSE students, all of whom had special educational needs. did not think so, either. They were delighted that their children had taken the exams at all.

A glance at the tables might leave the impression that Filsham Valley is just another struggling comprehensive. In fact, it is the first of its kind in the country: a brand new, £10m building designed to integrate pupils with physical and sensory disabilities into mainstream

The first three year groups each have a full complement of more than 120 children, including seven with special needs who work alongside them. The top two years each have a handful of children with disabilities who come from a local special

school which has closed. This year's 16-year-olds, who would not have taken exams in the special school, managed 12 CGSEs between them. one gaining seven including

tember and thanked staff for the help they had given him. He is now taking an information technology course at col-lege and is talking about going to university.

League tables, though, do not

provide the flexibility needed to Inspectors from the Office for Standards in Education, due to visit the school in January, are unlikely to criticise it for its low exam performance, though, or for its high absence rate - some children were away for the whole of last year, having medical treatment.

Local parents are not anxious to criticise the school, either. They are keen to bring their children to one of Britain's best-equipped schools.
With four technology rooms

and with modern studios for recording, dance and drama, most people who come here are deeply impressed. The head teacher, John

Voice, is not unduly worried about Filsham Valley's leaguetable ranking.

Local people know why it sits so far down the list, he said, and

the local papers will probably not even mention it. The inclusion of the school makes a mockery of the tables. he said, "We were very pleased with the GCSE results last summer," he added. "Each pupil performed above their expect-

However, future tables should show Filsham Valley in a far better light.

ed level."

"We look forward to being the most-improved school when we begin to take GCSE with the comprehensive intake," Mr Voice said. "It will, however, be



Thriving in the shadows: The pupils of Filsham Valley School achieve highly given their difficulties, but the league table give them no credit

Shephard ultimatum to Ridings authority

Judith Judd

Inspectors will be sent into all schools in Calderdale, West Yorkshire, unless the Labour authority agrees to an investigation of its services by Friday, Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, threatened

She asked Tony Blair, the Lahour leader, and David Blunkett, the shadtwo grade Cs. The boy's moth- another meaningless statistic." ow education secretary, to support her

demand for an inspection of the coun-cil, which admitted that it had failed the Ridings school.

Labour said she was merely trying to divert attention from an international report on maths and science which shows English 13-year-olds lag-ging behind most of the rest of Europe in maths. A spokesman said Calderdale had already said publicly that it would co-operate with anym-spection. The only issue was training. Mrs Shephard asked Calderdale to

volunteer for inspection after inspec-tors failed the Ridings school. They said bad teaching, poor management and the authority were all to hiame. The Government cannot force a lo-

cal authority to co-operate with such an inspection, though the Education Bill going through the Commons would enable it to do so in future. However, the Office for Standards

in Education (Ofsted) has powers to. inspect any school and could inspect all Calderdale's schools

Last week, the council said in reply to Mrs Shephard's request that it was considering setting up its own inde-pendent review and wanted "detailed discussions" on the scope of the pro-

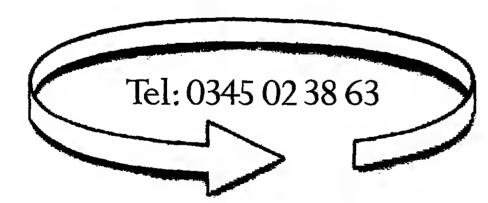
Mrs Shephard said: "Calderdale's handling of the Ridings school has achieved national notoriety. It is outrageous that the authority should be anything other than wholly co-opera-tive in welcoming an independent Of-sted inspection of their services to flict where none exists.

pupils and parents." In a letter to the council, she demanded a definite response without conditions by the end of the week. The inspection is scheduled for the first week of December. An Ofsted spokesman said: "We are ready to inspect Calderdale and are dis-

appointed by their prevarication." A Labour spokesman said: "Mrs Shephard knows perfectly well that Calderdale has agreed to co-operate. She seems to be trying to create a con-

BUYING

COMPAQ COMPUTERS WITH HUGE SAVINGS COULDN'T BE EASIER. WE'VE EVEN RINGED THE NUMBER FOR YOU.



ESS is a leading supplier of Compaq PCs, Notebooks and Servers and we can provide complete network solutions using our Novell and NT skills. We are experienced at supplying servers for the small business through to



large corporate servers.

ESS can supply the ProSignia 500 from stock, immediately, at these extremely aggressive prices.

Prices for other configurations can be found on our web site: www.ess.co.uk

Probignia 500 5 '150 Model 2100, Intel Pentium" 150 MH/

9.12 we effer ealed while result fact. Proc quoted to enclose that IT is a Postonian to a reported trademark of fined Corporation

ORDER Tel: 0345 02 38 63

OMPAQ COSTS YOUTHS THAN CHEAPTH COMPUNES



OF YOUR MORTGAGE*

OVER £8,000 ON YOUR **MORTGAGE***

ON YOUR LEGAL FEES WITH £250.00 CASHBACK

TIME BY ORGANISING YOUR MORTGAGE OVER THE PHONE

WHETHER YOU ARE MOVING OR REMORTGAGING, PHONE NOW TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU COULD SAVE ON YOUR MORTGAGE.



0345 852 852

At Mortgages Direct we believe in keeping down the cost of your mortgage. We offer a genuine long term low cost mortgage with a rate of 5.99% (APR 6.1% variable). This means that based on today's rates you could make a total saving of over £8.000

on a mortgage of £60,000 taken over 25 years*. What's more, we'll always try to ensure that it remains at a competitive rate throughout the whole of its life. Once your mortgage

is complete, we won't charge you any additional penalty should you decide to leave. To apply

for your mortgage or just to find out more, call us now and see how much you could save.

POUR HOME IS AT RISE IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT. Bradford & Bedgies Bedding South is reprinted in the Preferral Internet Authority for treestment business. Head Others TO Bos 80, Constants, Bhagles

Brit was Christian Wolf

to be a market to a Commission of the Park to an exertify and White the well

化维度 化二十二氯化乙酰氯化 the facilities of the by the Common enante la continue (f ksomzowinyh ba

*

Silicor leather, a

lining and latex seal The origin

ran buck to be ware a comfort

Timb

TH

Former Labour deputy leader fined £75 by the beak after his dog is involved in bloody killing of royal goose Hattersley harbours

ferocious killer

Michael Streeter

needs *

The last time the Labour MP and former minister Roy Hattersley declined to appear for a public engagement, the producers of BBC's satirical Have I Got News For You memorably replaced him with a tub of lard.

Yesterday, wheo the eloqueot elder statesmao exercised his right not to appear at Bow Street Magistrates, central London, there was oo obvious cooking material on show; but the culinary theme was kept alive in a hearing dominated by a dead goose.

The bird in question was an innocent grey-lag goose loung-ing in St James's Park before it was fatally savaged by the Birm-ingham MP's Staffordshire bull terrier Buster. To a courtroom crowded with

journalists for a case lasting just three minutes, Richard Heatley, for the prosecution, outlined the maio details of the offeoces. He described how police of-

ficers patrolling the park at 8.15am on April 8 this year came across the goose so badly injured it was "close to

Within an hour witnesses had fingered the former shadow home secretary's "small brown dog" and Mr Hattersley was interviewed and cautioned at his oearby home.

At this point the stipendary magistrate, Ronald Bartell, interveoed to ask whether the nnfortunate goose had been destroyed, to be told that sadly, the animal had died "as a re-

sult of its injuries". The courtroom revelations the goose's demise.



Dog's life: Hattersley and his dog Buster (right) were absent from the hearing. In another famous absence on Have I Got News For You, he was replaced with a tub of lard

did not stop there. Questioned by the police, Mr Hattersley said he thought his pet had been chasing a squirrel rather than a goose, and later in his letter of mitigation described how he "cleared up" after his bound had responded to a call of na-

ture - only for the dog to escape. Mr Hattersely, who pleaded guilty by letter to two offences in breach of royal park regulations, added the dog had not been intentionally let loose, and that he "much regretted"

He also promised to the court he would keep Buster on a tighter leash in future to ensure no repetition of the

The MP, who is standing down at the oext general elec-tion, was fined £75 for allowing the dog off the lead and permitting it to attack the goose, and ordered to pay £30 costs.

Later a spokesman for Mr Hattersley, who was speaking in his Sparkbrook constituency yesterday, issued a statement from Mr Hattersley again re-

gretting the incident but clear-ly pointing the finger at his dog's headstroog nature. "He Buster] was never detached from the lead. Unfortunately I

His office was unable to coofirm reports that Buster had paid the ultimate price for his misdeeds and been castrated after the April attack.

But the dog has clearly been rehabilitated in the politician's household - today he joins his owner for walkies io

the week.

■ Weekend calls only 5p per minute (plus VAT) for all local, national and

Orange benefits include per second

billing, free 12 months insurance with

Orange to Orange calls.

Find out more about Talkshare at



Memory pill helps to roll back the years

Liz Hunt Health Editor

A "memory" pill that helps old people to recall information as easily and accurately as people 50 years their junior is under-going trials in California and Sweden.

Scientists at a conference in Washington DC heard that the drug, containing chemicals known as ampakines, also improves recall in people as young

Dr Gary Lynch, a neuropharmacologist at the University of California at Irvine. said the drugs could one day be used by students cramming for exams. "We're going to need some kind of legislation on how we use these drugs," he told the Society for Neuroscience.

The findings have implications for those with Alzheimer's disease, which causes progressive dementia.

Io the study, at the Karolinksa Institute in Stockbolm, a dozen men aged hetween 65 and 73 who were taking the drug scored higher in memory tests than men taking a placebo, Medium doses of ampakines doubled their scores, according to a report in New Scientist, while higher doses trebled them, bringing the scores into the range seen for 20- to 25-year-olds. In younger people the effect was less dramatic but still detectable.

Ampakioes are thought to improve the flow of information between cells.

Any therapeutic drug based oo the chemical is some years away hut American scientists plan to try it on Alzheimer's patients early next year.

British Library is £511m waste of money, say MPs

Westminster Correspondent

440.00

4800

The building of the British Licomo de useo as a mooel of how not to manage a major construction project", according to a report by an all-party group

While the scheme has attracted criticism before because of the constantly rising costs and the lack of cootrols, this attack by the Commons Public Acgovernment departments and agencies are made aware of the lessons which have arisen."

amined the National Audit Of-fice report published in May, 1991). Yet, despite the expenfice report published in May, criticises virtually every aspect or the project, trom the outset wheo no budget was drawn up for the whole project, until the present time, when, as recently as June 1996, the cash limit was increased from £450m to

Most of the increase came in the early stages of the project and relate to unsound electriand relate to unsound electrical cabling, faulty fire-sprin-language. It adds: "We look to the Treasury to ensure that" brary at St Pancras, first an-

nounced in 1974, was started in

The Committee, which ex- oot be completed until 1999 (afditure of such a huge sum, the ceot more seats than the existing Bloomsbury premises in the British Museum.

The Committee lays the blame to the Department of National Heritage, which is now responsible for the project. It is particularly critical of Laing Management, the con-

struction managers, whom the department estimates will receive £38m in fees by the time the project is completed. This is because most of the fees were based oo the construction 1982, but now the building will cost and as it rose, so did the fee.

Orange Talkshare. Two reduced Dancall dc1 twin pack price phones. One Talk Plan with shared minutes. One connection charge. One monthly bill. ■ 60 minutes of free talk time to share 24 hour replacement and a 14 day each month for only £37.50 (plus VAT). money back guarantee. ■ Both phones will receive new numbers Calls between Orange phones only 10p per minute (plus VAT) throughout from Orange Personal Communications

Services Ltd.

Dixons

Connection to Orange Talkshare is

connection charge of £30 (plus VAT),

orange"

subject to status and a one off

Your Orange contract will be for a

minimum of 12 months.

THE FORECAST IS HEAVY SN WITH SOME **AREAS**

Silicone impregnated leather, a glove leather lining and four rows of latex sealed stitching. The original Timberland ran buck boot, guaranteed to be waterproof. Isn't that a comforting thought?

Timberland #



Timberland, 72 New Bond Street & Harrods 5th Floor. Call 0345 66 99 88 for local srockist.



action: Students at the launch in Kennington, south London, of the Campaign for Free Education. Speakers at the rally included the veteran Labour MP Tony

Justic

shan

Was to The man at log w $\chi_{\rm cost}$ by θ Been Buch لأنكف فبالمناء بالمراجع States of the 446 3 18

and balling the Agreement Sales of Real

The market .

the state of the state of

أكاما المراكب والمراجع

A the straightfully and the production

A STATE OF STATE Commence to the starting

Ti. Stub k

Lines of the P

the commenters in

Berginerit ernte.

An Astronom

Div

cuts

Clare Garmer

िक कुछातीका करता । से भी रे सोतीलका तहती

the tribe freid

there is the true p

ne our observing prints

the to acute the

her whom who had and the offermital

down that The c

with an input by the

persona Decisió

and at an arrantor

to an the two pa

and a constitution

r solution t**o the** c

manager. Both

femilie bit bit amil of something out

day late at the it place

approach" in pha

glations out t coung offenders

The Andre Con highlighted the w ouple of a south

Li was a sery w

the victim ha

or with a linguist at

Fuses blow over Tory tax 'bombshell'

Political crossfire leaves casualties as civil service head dragged into row

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Labour and the Conservatives were locked in combat last night after the Tories dropped their latest tax

Waldegrave said shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown was planning 89 tax and spend policies that would add a further £30 billion to public spending - costing the average family an around £1,200 a year. Mr Brown opened up a Labour

counter-barrage, saying: "Having lied about their own tax plans, and raised taxes 22 times against all promises, they are now lying about Labour's tax and spending plans." The exercise left a significant number of casualtics including collateral, friendly-fire injuries suffered by Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil service, who was dragged into the centre of a crude political doglight. In Feb-

ruary, Sir Robin instructed Whitehall officials to obey ministerial instructions on the costing of Opposition policies. The second victim was Mr Waldegrave, who faced a revival of the highly-damaging complaints made of being sustained by serious argument" and just plain "untrue".

Labour was also shown to have made statements that might bave been taken as pledges, but which Mr Brown yesterday flatly repudiated. He made it plain, for example that, Treasury Chief Secretary William Labour's commitment to a publicly owned and accountable railway system was not a priority. "We bave made no financial commitment to that," Mr Brown said. "What we have said is that British Rail will be re-created as a public-led body. But we are making no commitment to huying shares or anything else." The day's battle began with Mr

Waldegrave issuing a dossier listing 89 alleged Labour commitments. "Each is backed by firm pledges from Labour spokesmen or in Labour Party documents," Mr Waldegrave said.
"The total cost of these commitments comes to £30 billion." Labour replied in the afternoon

with a dossier of its own, repudiating the basis of the Tory allegations - attempting to defuse the "bombshell" that worked so effectively in the last General Election. Rebuttal followed rebuttal as the day

wore on, with the Conservatives issuing a further dossier at 7pm, headed, Labour's £30billion Cover-up: against him in the Scott report on Labour's Rebuttal Rebutted. Mr arms to Iraq, which accused him of Waldegrave said: "At the end of a day using "sophistry", and making state- of hot air from a clearly rattled ments that were "apt to mislead". Labour Party, round one has been mot remotely arguable". "Incapable won by the Conservative Party." the typical family will still be paying almost £500 more in tax per year."

That result was less clear-cut to those who had tried to get Mr Waldegrave to answer some basic questions at his morning press conference. He bad said that the £30bn costing was "equivalent to Labour putting the basic rate of income tax back up from 24 pence to 33 pence, the level under the last Labour Government, and the higher rate up from 40 pence to 70 pence. That would cost the average family around £1,200 a year." However, when Mr Waldegrave was asked to say how much Conservative tax increases had cost the average came coy,"We had to put up tax's during the recession in order to pay for spending at the present level." Neither Mr Waldegrave, nor Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Par-ty chairman, would repeat the com-mitment given during the last election, that there would be no fur-

a 1992 pledge broken with VAT on domestic fuel and power. Opening a pre-emptive strike against the Conservatives last week, Mr Brown said: "The Tories have raised taxes 22 times since the last election, including the rise in National Insurance, cutting the married couple's, cutting mortgage interest tax relief. and the unfairest tax of all, VAT on fuel. If the Chancellor cuts the basic rate of tax by 2p in the Budget,

ther extension of value-added tax -



family since the last election, he be- Dogfight between Waldegrave (above) Brown left casualties



The Tories' sums and how Labour answered them

That Labour will:

Introduce national minimum wage

Tory costing: £3,700m Source: "There should be and will be . . . a statutory minimum wage" (Tony Blair 1996 Labour conference). Costing assumption: impact on public sector pay bill of minimum wage set at half median male earnings, with domino effect on differentials.

Labour response: The minimum wage level will be set "according to the economic circumstances of the time".

Increase spending on house-building
Tory costing: £2,600m
Source: "We need to... allow local councils to invest capital receipts to build and renovate homes." (Draft manifesto, New Labour, New Life for Britain, 1996)
Costing assumption: Total amount of capital receipts set aside since 1990 in England estimated at £7,3bn, if released over five years at £1.5bn a year, could be topped up with annual receipts.
Labour response: "All of Labour's plans for council

Labour response: "All of Labour's plans for council house spending will come from the phased release of existing receipts currently held by local authorities."

increase overseas aid Tory costing: £2,298m

Source: "Labour will start to reverse the declina in UK. aid spending." (New Labour, New Life).

Costing assumption: Restoration of the ald budget to the 1979 level, of 0.52 per cent of GNP.

Labour response: Labour has no such commitment.

Reduce social security benefit tapers

Tory costing: £2,000m: Source: "We will: combine our long-term objective of a

Source: "We will: combine our long-term objective of a lower rate of income tax . . . with reductions in the rate of benefit withdrawal." (New Labour, New Life). Costing assumption: A reduction of the maximum marginal rate of benefit withdrawal, for every extra £1 earned, from 97 per cent to 84 per cent. Labour response: Initial outlay would come from antifraud measures, but "we expect that within three years of Implementation, a benefit-to-work strategy ... will start to reap substantial savings for tha taxpayer."

Return business rates to local control: Costing

Source: "We propose to return the business rate to lo-Source: "We propose to return the dustriess rate to lo-cal control subject to protection for local businesses." New Opportunities for Business, 1996). Costing assumption: Increase of 1.9 per cent a year in business rate - an extra one percentage point. Labour response: Their approach "not designed to raise more money but to assist the development of a real partnership between the business and the locality."

Introduce sabbaticals for teachers

Introduce sabbaticals for teachers
Tory costing £1,300m.
Source: "We should explore arrangements to provide sabbatical terms to help people recharge tatteries and further develop their skills." (Blair, January 1996).
Costing assumption: Teachers with 10 years' service taking four months off; those with 15 years' service taking full year; and 170,000 teachers with current 15 years' service. Cost of £4.25hn spread over five years.
Labour response: Spokesman David Blunkett said that costs would have to be funded from existing resources; lower early retirement costs and industry soonsorships. lower early retirement costs and industry sponsorships.

End council tax capping
Tory costing £1,200m
Source: "Crude council tax capping should go, though

as any government must, we will retain reserve powers in externa cases." (New Labour, New Life).

Costing assumption: Local authority spending increase of extra one percentage point a year, equivalent to 1.9 per point increase in council tax.

Labour response: "We will retain reserve powers."

Minimum guaranteed income for pensioners Costing £1,100m

Source: "Labour will... examina ways of getting better automatic help to the poorest pensioners." (New Labour, New Life).

Costing assumption: A minimum guaranteed income of £80 a week would cost £4,300m. Labour response: "We believe that the pension entitlement could achieve significant savings in the administration of the benefits system."

Big enough, if you are.

Five hard-and-fast pledges are endorsed by party rank and file

Anthony Bevins

Labour bas just five bard-and-fast pledges, the solid commitments that the party agreed in its draft manifesto, New Labour,

New Life for Britain. The pledges, endorsed by a mass vote of rank-and-file party members, are:

A cut in class sizes to 30 or under for all five-, six- and seven-year-olds; Fast-track punishment for persistent

■ Cut National Health Service waiting lists by treating an extra 100,000 patients;
■ Get 250,000 under-25s off benefit and

into work; and Set tough rules for government spending and borrowing, ensure lower inflation,

and strengthen the economy. Labour says that it would finance the cut in class sizes by phasing out the assisted-places scheme, but the Tories estimate that would pay for less than one-third of the cost.

The bill for action could look very different from the account presented

Yesterday's Conservative dossier said that statisticians at the Department of Education and Employment "calculate that between 4,900 and 10,300 extra teachers would be needed in England and Wales" to fulfil the pledge. The total cost for the United Kingdom is put at £210m.

Even the Conservatives calculate that Labour's fast-track punishment for young offenders would cost only £5m.

Labour says that it would provide funding for a cut in National Health Service waiting lists by "releasing £100m saved from NHS red tape". The Conserv-

atives said yesterday that it would cost considerably more to cut waiting lists by 100,000. It said: "Labour claim that this money

would be redirected from the cost of ad-ministering the internal market. However, abolishing the internal market would in fact cost more money."

As for the long-standing commitment on unemployed under-25, Labour has said it would fund that by using some of the mon-ey raised from the windfall tax on privatised utilities.

Yesterday's Conservative costing on that pledge was £500m, with 400,000 under-25s unemployed for more than six months each year. The gross cost would be an estimated £860m, with benefit savings of £420m, but there would be extra firstyear costs, according to the Tory dossier, because action would need to be taken for the existing pool of 270,000 under-25s un-employed for more than 6 months.

Aicrosoft

Call 0345 699 777 for the higger picture on the new Audi A3.

Audi (M)

Amazing technology. Incredible price.

DELL DIMENSION" XPS PRO 180n

INTEL[®] 180MHz PENTIUM[®] PRO PROCESSOR

t6Mb EDO RAM

256KB CACHE 2Gb EIDE HARO ORIVE

 NUMBER 9 REALITY 332 PCI GRAPHICS CARD WITH 2M8 VIDEO MEMORY

 15" COLOUR SVGA MONITOR 113.75" VIEWABLE AREA!

EIGHT SPEED CD-ROM DRIVE

MINI TOWER OR MIO-SIZED DESKTOP CHASSIS

 WINDOWS 95 & MICROSOFT® OFFICE PROFESSIONAL 95

DELL DIMENSION XPS Pro180n £1,299 (£1,555.70





How can Dell offer a PC with the latest 180MHz Pentium® Pro processor and Microsoft® Office Professional for just £1.299 (£1,555.70 incl. Del. & VAT)? It's thanks to our strategic alliances with other industry leaders like Intel® and Microsoft®- and our determination to give you the best value possible.



We'll even upgrade this system to include a 36b Hard Drive and 12-Speed CD-ROM

Drive for only £100 extra (£117.50 incl. VAT). Call us now on 01344 724621 and

prepare to be astounded.





On :

will pu Supple campa the q Molue

XTH

How £1bn public money is wasted on this

Justice system for juveniles attacked as shambles despite costing £1bn a year

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

The justice system for juve-niles is in disarray and failing to cut crime, despite costing £1bn a year, the official public spendng watchdog says today.

A study by the Audit Commission states that "less is done oow than a decade ago to address offending by young people". Only 3 per cent of the estimated 7 million offences committed by those aged 10 to 17 each year result in arrests and action by the criminal justice system, it says. It adds that there is little or no assessment of whether schemes to prevent offending actually work.

The overall impression ob-tained by the commission in a 18-month inquiry is nf a youth justice system in an expensive mess with almost no agreed national strategies and with local authorities acting as an emergency service rather than a preventive one.

Labour, penal affairs groups, and the probation services yesterday seized upon the report as evidence that the current gov-

ernment strategy was failing.
The study is a blow to the Tories in the run-up to the election, wheo law and order, particularly youth crime, is like-

The commission recom- diverting around a fifth of young mends a radical shift of re- offenders - those involved in the sources from "processing" young offenders through the courts to tackling their behaviour and its causes. But the Home Office yesterday rejected suggestions by the commission to give local authorities a greater role in dealing with ju-

venile criminals The police in England and Wales spend about £660m a year on juvenile crime, much of it on identifying around 150,000 offenders. About three out of five of those aged 10 to 17 are usually just cautioned. Once a young offender is detained, a police officer completes around 40 forms. It cost another £2,500 to achieve a prosecution, in a process which typically takes four months from arrest to sentence and an average four ap-

pearances before court. But despite the time and money expended, half of those proceeded against effectively faced no real sanction - with their cases being discontinued, dismissed or ending in a discharge, the report says.

It points out that although there are a oumber of programmes designed to prevent offending they are not assessed regularly, "so there is no opportunity to learn from experi-ence. The report recommends

less serious crimes - away from the present system into programmes know as "cantino plus" - thus saving £40m aumually on court costs.

The Northamptonshire Diversion Unit is highlighted as an successful example of such a programme, which involves a police equiton backed up by compensation for victims and compensation for victims and action it address offending behaviour. There are similar schemes, throughout the Netherlands.

In conclusion the Commission sales. The current system for dealing with youth crime is inefficient and expensive, while little is being done to deal ef-

little is being done to deal ef-fectively with juvenile nui-Jack Straw, the shadow

Home-Secretary, said: "As this reportshows the current youth justice system is an extraordinary mambles. Transforming it is a goo priority for Labour."

But David Maclean, the Home-Office minister, argued that action was being taken to specifying courts and deal with speediap courts and deal with school indiscipline.



Photograph: David Rose

The commission's main points

- Youth crime costs public services £1bn. Needs an
- System is expensive. slow and inefficient.
- Only 3 per cent of estimated 7 million crimes by juveniles each year result in arrest and court
- "Less is done now than a decade ago to address offending by young people," says the study.
- Anti-offending programmes should be essessed. More intensive supervision for persistent offenders needed.
- Greater co-ordination in local authorities and central government

Diversion tactic cuts youth crime

Clare Garner

It was oothing a £3.50 window lock couldn't fix. Just a question . 90-95 per cent of offenders The same boy who slipped

through the tiny pantry window to burgle the property returned to the house weeks later - this time to secure the catch. The victim had wanted to know how she had been burgled

and the offender was able to show her. The reconciliation was arranged by the Northamptonshire Diversion Unit which resolution to the crime.

1. FORTING

in France of Property of Property

10.00 11.00 11.00

"It was a very simple thing," said Sandy Pragnell, the unit manager. "It only cost the offender £3.50 and both parties got something out of it. Something positive." This is an everyday tale at the unit which applies a "partnership approach" m place of the legal

The Audit Commission has highlighted the unit as an example of a "cautioo plus" pro-gramme - one which steers young offenders away from

crime and compensates victims. Of the 40 per cent who returned a survey about the unit, and 89 per cent of victims said they were satisfied with the outcome of its work.

First-time offenders in Northamptonshire are given a are referred to the diversion unit - approximately 1,200 each year - of which the majority are meo under 25. Research by Nene College, in Northampton, has shown that those who go to acted as an intermediary be- the unit are less likely to comtween the two parties and ar- mit a third crime than those who

> The unit's strength is its multi-agency make-up. The 29 staff are seconded from the police, probation, health, education, social services and youth service enabling them to pool expertise

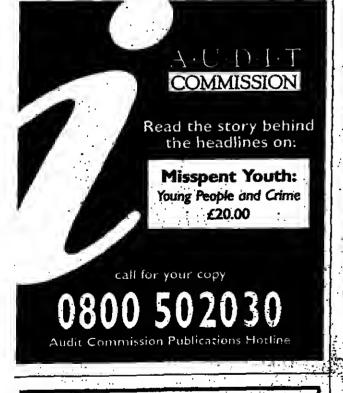
As an alternative to court, it may sound like a soft option. But Miss Pragnell insisted the opposite was true. The major eason some opt for the courts is that working with us is too hard," she said. "We confront them. We say: You know you've committed this offence. What are you going to do about it?","



not the suspense.

Fixed Growth Bond up to

Limited offer.





Celebrating its Fifth Anniversary

On 3rd December 1996 The Independent will publish a Special pullout Supplement highlighting the campaign's work to increase the quality and quantity of women's participation in the work force.

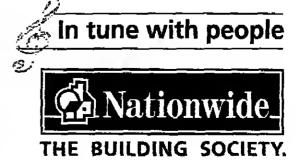
THE INDEPENDENT

We all have enough to worry about today without fretting about what tomorrow will bring. That's why an investment with a guaranteed returo is so reassuring.

And it's even better when that return builds up to a great 10% in the fifth year.

Invest in a Nationwide Fixed Growth Bond and that's exactly what you'll get. The rates rise annually, deligering 6% in year 1, 6.5% in year 2, 7.25% in year 3, 8% in year 4 and 10% gross p.a. in year 5. All absolutely guaranteed. And how do we do it? Well, it's all to do with our decision to remain a building society.

With no outside shareholders to keep happy we're free to put our customers first, and plough profits back in the form of higher investment returns. You don't need to be a big investor to benefit - the minimum investment is just £1,000. Sn if you're after a guaranteed return without the suspense, why not drop into your local Nationwide branch and start building for your future.



Find us on the Internet at http://www.nationwide.co.uk

parties in the Bond after the date of the original incursions are not permitted. Income tax will usually be declared from the interest in the appropriate race unions was no mobes of the Bondong Sources Outbrackness Scheme and industries to the Carde of Bathing Parties. Majorimende Building Sources Papers Was Mondon 58538 INN.

Euro-sceptics win vote with Labour help

Chief Political Correspondent

joined Labour to inflict an embarrassing defeat on the Government over claims that Britain's "opt out" from the European single currency has been

undermined by Brussels.
John Major now faces the threat of renewed Tory backbench rebellions in the run-up to the election, unless he blocks the measures by the European MPs claim would rob Britain of its opt-out and hand control of monetary policy from the Chan-cellor to the Governor of the

Bank of England. Tory Euro-sceptic MPs packed into a meeting in a committee room at Westminster to give a show of strength against the Government for refusing to allow the claims to be aired in the chamber of the

The Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, was drawn into the row to force the Government to back down and allow the debate to go ahead, after the defeat by

Thatcher, broke the Government's majority on the committee when he voted with Opposition MPs.

The rebellion was seen as a

clear threat by the Euro-sceptics to end their pre-election truce with the Government if John Major fails to reject the proposals by the European Commission which they claim would open Britain to fines for failing to meet the targets on debt for those inside the Euro-

The Prime Minister shrugged off the defeat and the threat of fines was "something right at the end of the road ... So it is very mucb a last resort. This is one of the things that is being discussed as part of the so-called

The call for a full debate on European Monetary Union was also backed by Tory former ministers Kenneth Baker, John Redwood and chairman of the Foreign Affairs select committee David Howell.

Mr Redwood said Commission proposals would mean Britain would be forced to accept "price stability" as its prime target for the economy. The Government should tell us how Tory MP John Whittingdale, high interest rates would have Minister barks up right tree



John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, hugging a silver birch which he planted yesterday outside St Thomas's Hospital, London, to mark National Tree week. "I was told it would be good for me and I'll do anything that's good for me, " he said."

Supersurgery revolution put back a year

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

Pilot schemes for family doctors' "supersurgeries" and perhaps health clinics in supermarkets will be delayed for a year under the NHS Primary Care Bill published yesterday by the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell:

The Bill allocates £6m for the preparation of the plans by doctors for expanding their services, but none of the pilot schemes will be given the go-ahead until the next financial

year, starting in April 1998. Although the measure is a flagship for the Tories in the run-up to the election, it signalled the Government will use the extra £500m for the health service to be announced with the Chancellor's Budget next week to avert a crisis this winter in NHS

hospitals.
The Independent has learned that Mr Dorrell is expecting bospitals to make ends meet this winter with flexibility over the rules requiring a 6 per cent re-turn on capital.

Mr Dorrell came under fire in the Commons yesterday from Chris Smith, Labour's health spokesman, for the spending crisis facing hospitals this winter, but he ruled out any emergency injection of cash before the end of the year.

It is expected that Mr Dorrell

will announce that national pay awards for NHS managers will be held down while more generous pay awards are given to nurses and doctors next year to answer Labour's allegations that the higher spending on the NHS is being swallowed up by

The health minister, Baroness Cumberledge, and Baroness Jay, the Labour front bench spokeswoman on health. will go "head to head" in the Lords over the Bill, which is due in the Commons in

Under the Bill, family doctors will be able to open "super-surgeries" offering NHS patients a wider range of services, including small operations and special care for chronic illnesses such as asthma.

Hospitals will be able to employ GPs for the first time, but there is a power in the bill to allow organisations outside the NHS, which could include supermarkets, to offer primary care on the NHS.

A White Paper to be published next month will pave the way for nurses at practices to do work which is currently

reserved for GPs. The BMA is pushing for GPs to be given a "core contract" with payments for all additional items, but ministers are resisting the idea because of the

ment becoming bogged down in the early months after the gena former aide to Baroness to go to get down to zero in- eral election. PHONES OVER £80 A CHANCE UP 500 BT MINUTES HOLIDAY TO WITH PHONES AND FAXES PHONES - SAVE 45 £10 PHILIPS 9048 SLINE Last number redia Tone and pulse di Wall mountable £**J**.99 PHILIPS PACE 100 TELEPHONE

12 number memory Backlit keyped,Last number redie Ringer volume ANSWER MACHINE - SAVE £5 *500* PHILIPS TD8368 FREE 87 MINUTES e Digital outgo DIGITALLY ENHANCED **CORDLESS TECHNOLOGY** PHILIPS TD 9571 DIGITAL CORDLESS PHONE Outstanding call quality with no eavesdropping.
 10 hours talktime/40 hours standby time. • 20 alphanumeric memories. 300 metre range. Paging facility between base and handset. - SAVE £50 Was £199.99. PHILIPS HOFK FREE BACKPACK FAX/PHONE AND memory. Make a phone system with up to 7 cordless handsets without the Copier and j SAVE £20 need for extra telephone sockets. SAYE £20 WHEN YOU BUY THE PHILLIPS TO 8571 CORDLESS PHONE AND ADOITIONAL HANDSET CELL 100 REEBT CALL FREEPHONE 0500 50 40 30 THERE'S A GREAT DEAL

GOING ON THIS CHRISTMA

Save water now or be caught short in future

Nicholas Schoon **Environment Correspondent**

The nation's toilets need changing, urgently, to cut water wastage and reduce the risk of shortages, a cross-party com-

mittee of MPs said yesterday. In a report prompted by sevseven years, the House of Commons Environment Committee said: "Reducing the volume of water being flushed down WCs is a priority."

That measure alone could cut household consumption by 10 per cent - "sufficient to mitigate any effects of climate change which are now predicted to

The committee wants the standard flush on all new cisterns to be six litres, and incentives to encourage people to replace their current nine- or 13-litre cisterns. "We cannot afford to wait 50 years for old cisterns to wear out," says its

the highest priority of all should be to reduce mains leakage; for some companies a quarter or more of water collected and treated escapes before it reaches the customers. The industry's regulator, Ofwat, should set a maximum limit for companies on how much can seep out of their pipe networks "as soon as possible", said the committee

chairman Andrew Bennett. The report is highly sceptical about increasing the number of water meters as a way of persuading customers to use water more wisely. The MPs visited low-income families on a London estate with meters.

"We saw families beset worries about paying metered water charges," says their report. They accepted evidence that bygiene might be threatened and disease encouraged when poor, anxious people wash themselves and their clothes less, share baths and flush the toilet less frequently.

But the MPs also doubted

big gardens and sprinklers, and

Instead of meters, other ways of curbing households' steadirising demand for water should be tried. Dishwashers and washing machines which given "eco-labels".

☐ The sea water at 10 per cent of Britain's 472 designated bathing beaches still failed to meet the minimum, basic standards for sewage bacteria set by the European Union this summer, the Government

nearly 20 years ago but Britain was allowed to comply by the end of 1995; it still fails to. The Government said the water industry, now privatised in England and Wales, had spent £2bn in recent years on coastal sewerage improvements which had pushed up the pass rate for beaches from below 70 per whether metering would make cent to 90 per cent.

医多生性磷酸

19 July 20 1

1131 ()13

man, Paye

QUALIT

ONL

WAX

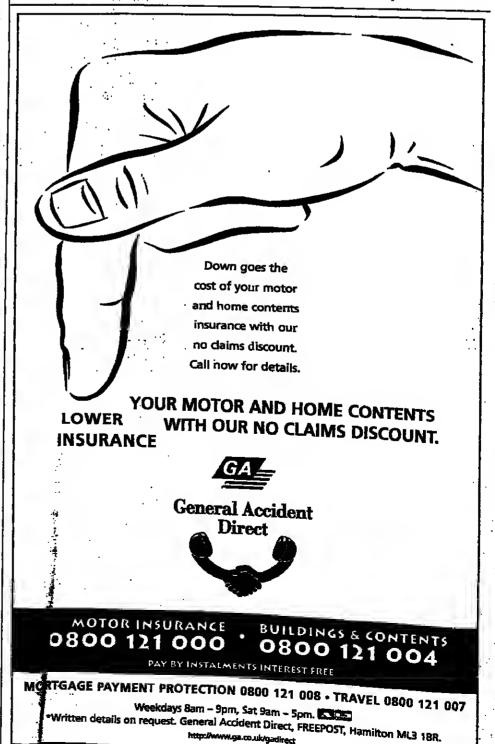
Karaman and A

PHILIPPER OFFIRE

PHONE NOW

State to Deep PAZING

LI CLUM POLYMER IN



DEPENDENT

. Stort about this thend the training

e and making

stage top mikke a

Film crashes into barrier over cuts

Marianne Macdonald Media Correspondent

Crash, David Cronenberg's disturbing film about a group of people who find car crashes and resulting injuries erotic, has been banned - at least temporarily - from being shown in the West End of London.

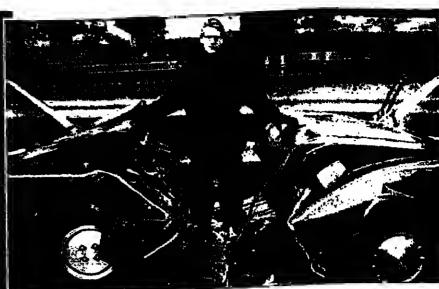
Westminster City Council's licensing sub-committee imposed an interim prohibition yesterday after walching the film, despite appeals from 50 leading film makers to allow it be released. In a statement, councillors said they had three serious concerns about the controversial film based on JG Ballard's novel

which won the special jury prize at this year's Cannes Film Festiva! The first was "the sex scene involving a woman wearing cal-lipers". The second, the final sex scene, involving a man who forces his wife's car off the road and then has sex with her after she is thrown from the car, and the third the statement by one of the characters, Vaughan, that "car crashes are fertilising and

not destructive". While not explicitly calling for the scenes to be cut, the councillors would be reluctant for the film to be shown in Westminster in the form shown today". Their ruling is crucial because it puts the film ont of bounds for many of the leading West End cinemas. The film is due to go on gener-al release in Britain in January. After viewing the film coun-







Road rage: Scenes from Canadian director David Cronenberg's latest film, Crash, which has been banned from London's West End. Some Critics have described the movie as 'depraved

enjoy the film. "I am extremely worried about the impact it might have on 18- or 19-year-olds who think themselves very clever

and tend to like fast cars." But David Avery disagreed: "I would have thought it was allowable viewing for adults if they don't mind degradation and violence towards women and

The committee chairman, John Bull, said: "It's exceedingly well made, you can't take that away. But if you are asking me personally whether I enjoyed the film, I can be quite houest, I

Their official conclusions are to be put to the British Board of Film Classification, which is to rule on the film later this year. As soon as it has, the committee will reconsider the

prohibition but retain the right to continue the ban if the BBFC give it an 18 certificate in its present form. gathering for Crash to be shown

to an increasingly eager public. The film-makers Mike Leigh and Duncan Kenworthy say the film is a "work of art" which should be shown uncur.

After the meeting, the co-ex-

"We are delighted that the ecutive director of Crash, Chris Auty, said: "I think the key council has taken that view and we continue our discussions word here is 'interim'." He added: "The matter now rests, as it should have done all with BBFC chairman James

the way through, with the BBFC. "All we really want is that our

work of art, which is how we think of this film from the bottom of our hearts, gets the opportunity to be seen in an

DAILY POEM

Coleridge goes scuba-diving

By Pauline Stainer

How it intoxicates to have air for half an hour

the sea-bed a quilt of India stuff tasselled and fringed

a pillar of krill passing through me in corpo transparente

of eels as they graze my welsuit elass-fish

with invisible viscera

the flashing cipher

floaters in an eye that other implausible cargo -

the swallow supporting the sun

Pauline Stainer's The Wound-dresser's Dream (Bloodaxe) has been shortlisted for the 1996 Whitbread Poetry Award. She has been described as a poet "working at the margins of the sacred" in airy verse that is both intellectual and sensory. Many of her poems are constructed on a bedrock of religious and liturgical allusions, but she draws too from the visual as well as the literary arts, and relishes an impressive familiarity with chemistry and optics.

QUALITY U.K. MADE WAX JACKET ONLY £25+p&p



We sincerely believe we have found one of the best quality for money jackets made in the U.K. why pay more when you can lake advantage of our low introductory price? Great tradiclessic wear for the family with value in mind. Sizes: S (36/38), M (40), L (42), XL (44), 2XL (46) unises

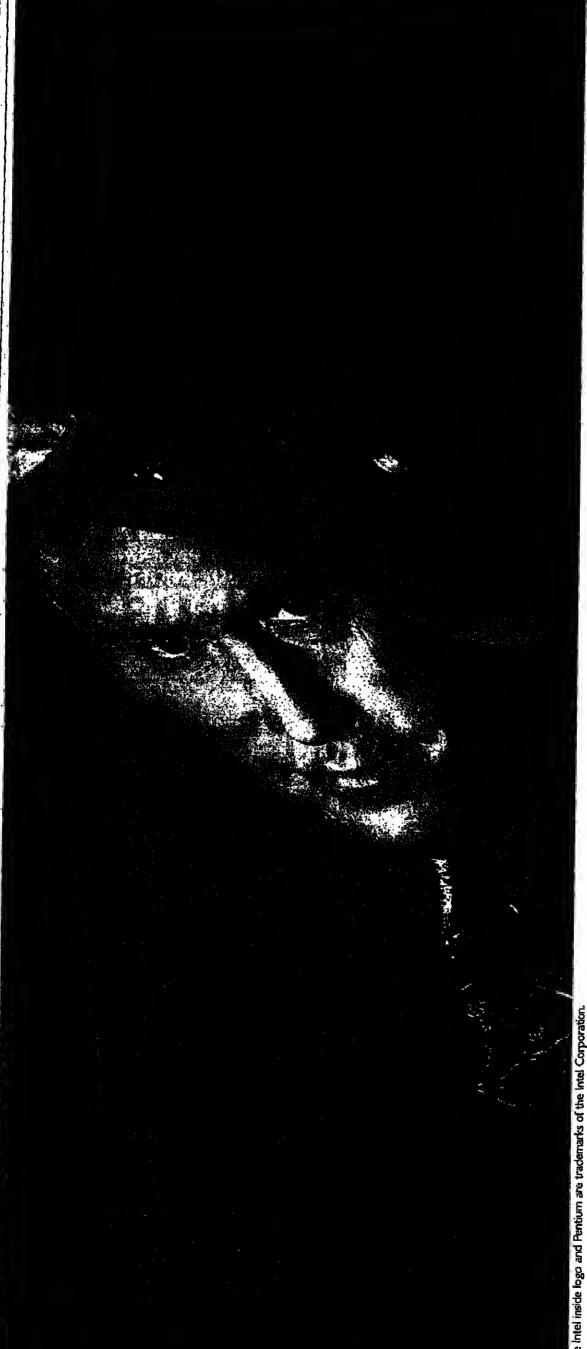
Material: Cotton waxed outer Colours: Green, Navy Item Ref: 11310 Wax Jacket PRIVILEGE OFFER Buy a Jacket from This Advert Only

and order a pair of reel Hunter Wellies at the same time for a combined price of £58 Poer Free. Remember the two items must be ordered together as a County Set for £58 Post Fried Please obide by the upirit of the offer, refunds can only be neade against the 2 thems bought as a set, as ordered and not in part. Sizes: 3 - 12 full sizes Colour: Green Item Ref. 13210 Hunters

PHONE NOW ON 01768 899111 OR FAX 01768 899222 TO PLACE CREDIT CARD ORDER SEND TO DEPT IN2111 TOWN & COUNTRY MANNER LTD., PENRITE ESTATE, PENRITH, CUMBRIA CALL SEQ.

We hope to dispects by return, otherwise you should bear from us, within 22 days, If not please contact as, REFUND OR REPLACEMENT IF NOT DELEGRIED.

				انــــا
			5. 7 :	
			plante 225	£3
Name:			play to 275	24
Address:			Over 175	PREE
			Total	
Post Code		_ Signed:		
I enclose out the	gae POfer L.		to Toyle & Count	y Museum Ladi
or charge on A	eranoVara Card No	 10.0 (1.5) 	Siep Date:	
1 1 1	: <u> </u>			
30		la madula inform	ation on sourcead sar	vices -



There's more to quality than meets the eye.

Quality can sometimes be difficult to quantify. With PCs, it's simple. The higher the quality, the lower the cost of ownership. Fujitsu ErgoPro PCs are designed to provide the highest levels of build quality and reliability, which means they are up and running faster and keep on running. But there are many other aspects of ErgoPro's focus on quality that help reduce costs.

Ergonomic keyboards, low emission monitors, low noise output and pin-sharp graphics are features that produce a more relaxed operating environment and hence improve end-user productivity. Comprehensive desk-top management facilities, pre-installed LAN software and plug-and-play connections make network control more effective and upgrading much easier.

High levels of security protection cause potential thieves to think twice and future-proof technology enables growth without system replacement.

It all adds up to superb investment protection. And at really keen prices. Check the ErgoPro range out for yourself, and do some comparisons. You could be in for a pleasant surprise.

For more information please phone FUJITSU ICL Computers on 0345 123 555







PCs • NOTEBOOKS • SERVERS http://www.fujitsu-computers.com



al

Esther t sm.h

---winning b te print out our toute defina Butter ber 21.be Ern Miller aus reine allen

de grass: - 30 - 300 inte

to point probilished ven nifenti. in Manth finantional weathered for 11071 Contain well in boliten auf etter beliebnig in the poist uniciarianii and we total salid had were the prom my I make the collection of the

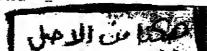
pupit , and a begit les untirerven einzenen bie the afternact on the spirit

. 53

14 8

FOR Y

donctory Survey



anger at Bradford riot report

Esther Leach

The long-awaited report on a weekend of rioting in Bradford published yesterday, has met with disappointment and anger.

After 18 months of inquiries. into the unrest, which caused more than £1m damages in June last year, the 200-page document made no recom-

Instead, its three authors, led by the solicitor and former deputy town clerk John Barratt, presented a reflection of the views of people living and work-

Schools wage winning battle

Schools in one of the most deprived urban areas of Britain are havens of civilisation and educational endeavour, says an inspectors' report published yesterday, writes Judith Judd.

Schools in Manningham, Bradford, scene of last year's riots, contain well-motivated children and committed staff, believing in the possibility of improvement and working hard to effect it, the inspec-

The main problems identified were the poor grasp of English of many of the Asian pupils, and a high level of absenteeism caused by long visits abroad to see relatives. .

ing in Manningham, the scene of the disturbances which were triggered by the arrest of a group of Asian youths playing a noisy game of football. "Britain is awash with reports

AODELS

which make executive recommendations," Mr Barratt said.
"Bradford has the expertise in the issues raised in the report . well, said more time was needed

report and ... debate the issues." But there was clear disap-pointment and frustration in the reaction to the report, the validity of which has already been questioned after one of its authors, the trade unionist Mohammed Taj, refused to endorse it just days before publication.

Mohammed Amran, the chairman of the Young People's Forum, said the report was a waste of time. "We hoped for recommendations to show us the way forward," he said. "But all it seems to do is highlight criticisms of the Asian culture.".

The document was commissioned by the Bradford Congress, which is made up of business and public-sector organisations, inchiding the city council and West Yorkshire police.

Manwar Jan-Khan, a committee researcher who has studied the riots, said that the report represented a wasted opportumity and lost bope. "The report ... goes nowhere," he said. Church leaders headed by the

Bishop of Bradford, the Right Rev David Smith, said the fact that the report's authors were not in full agreement highlighted the need to continue a constructive approach to the difficult issues it had tried to address. In a statement, they said: "The report itself and Mr Taj's reasons for not being able to sign it descree careful scrutiny."

The leader of Bradford council, Tony Cairns, said he was disappointed the report failed to recognise ongoing work to tackle social and economic problems. of Manningham. He added: "We agree there must never be a repeat of the disturbances and that the key to that is tackling poverty; unemployment and the attendant social stress."

The chief constable of West Yorkshire police, Keith Hella-

City vents Galactic clash creates its own art form



Science Editor

A work of modern art? An oddly lit spider's web? No: This is one of the latest pictures from the Hubble Space Telescope, and shows two galaxies colliding - an event which astronomers now think provides the fuel for quasars, the most energetic objects known in the Universe.

Discovered 33 years ago, quasars are an enigma because they are so small and vet pour out fantastic quantities of energy: The size of our solar system, they can beam out 1,000 times as much light as entire galaxies containing tens of billions of

stars. Before the latest pictures, astronomers had suspected that the heart of a quasar was a huge black hole - a star which has collapsed under its own gravity, and which sucks in everything around it.

including light.

Matter being drawn in to the black hole would accelerate causing it to emit bright light. Usually a black hole might

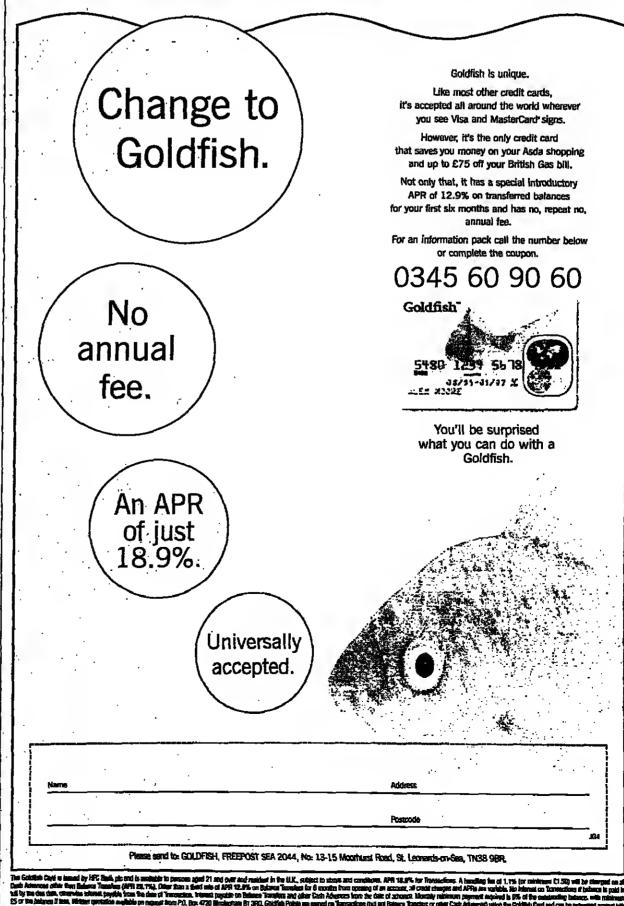
only feed on interstellar gas. But when galaxies drift into each other - as in this picture, where the differently coloured wraiths each consist of millions of stars - then a large black hole will be close enough to drag in entire suns, providing it with the raw material for a super-bright energy source.

"In nearly every quasar we look at we clearly see one galaxy apparently swallowing another," said Mike Disney, of the University of Wales, who is the leader of the European scientists analysing

The Hubble telescope has been vital in solving the quasar puzzle, he said. "I gave up on studying them 20 years ago, when I realised we bad to wait for a space telescope to provide a clear enough view for solving mysteries."

However, answering some tions has thrown up new ones. Professor Disney says that the uncertainty has now shifted towards how long a quasar remains bright. If it is short compared with a galaxy's life - 100 million years, or less - then most galaxies, including the Milky Way, could be the leftovers of "burnt out" quasars.





Death on the Danube as mafia gangs fight for Budapest

Adrian Bridge Budapest

Mystery grenade attacks and mafia-style shootings threaten to shatter Budapest's image as one of home most civilised cities of Central Europe, replete with monuments to ceofuries of Habsburg rule. The upsurge in violence may eveo put paid to the country's booming tourist industry, which relies heavily on a growing number of wealthy visitors from Western coun-

tries, such as Britain. The attacks began modestly usi under a month ago with the blowing up of a Mercedes car belooging to the owner of a gambling club. Since then, they have spread to restaurants, car showtooms and the city's growing number of striptease clubs. At the same time there have been two shootings - ooe fatal

10 Hungary's criminal under-world. Police put the violeoce down to "turf wars" between the many foreign and home-based mafia groups which are now jostling to control the Hungarian capital's sex and gambling rackets. And in an attempt to end their activities, the police have set up a 160-strong task force and offered a 1 million forint (about £4,700) reward for information leading to arrests.

"Crime syndicates fighting

for territory are behind these hand-grenade bombings," said Laszlo Garamvolgyi, the police spokesman. "These are demon-strations of force by different criminal groups, both foreign and domestic.

The grenade attacks usually take place in the early hours of the morning and the explosions have caused extensive damage to windows, restau-



Bar wars: Maffa gangs are behind the violent fight over Hungary's sex and gambling rackets Photograph: Popperfoto

media believe the grenades may have come from two crates that disappeared from a military unit late last year. Almost all the grenades used in the more than 30 explosions in Hungary this ear bave come from former Warsaw Pact stocks.

All Central and East European countries experieoced a rapid growth in organised crime following the fall of Communism in 1989, and there is spec-

ulation that the latest round of bombings was sparked off by a change of leadership in Bu-dapest's large Russian mafia network, and their decision to "gel tough" on rival gangs which hail from the Ukraine,

Serbia and Bulgaria.
Warfare between the rival mafia gangs is believed to have Hungary's Prime Minister. Gyula Horn, is said to be perbeen behind the killing at the sonally monitoring the police inbeginning of this month of: vestigation, while Budapest's Jozsef Prisztas, an underworld

figure shot at point-blank range with a 9mm pistol while sitting

CHOOSE FROM A WIDE

range of Printers in Store

in his car, and behind the serious wounding of Csaba Lakatos, a prominent Hungarian racehorse owner who last week was shot three times with a rifle at Budapest's race track. mayor, Gabor Demszky, has and France.

suggested a five-fold increase in

spending on police.

The prospect of civilians – and especially foreigners – getting caught up in the mafia crossfire is one that terrifies Hungary's tourist authorities.

They recorded more than 30 million visitors to the country in the first three quarters of the year, many of them from Westem countries, such as Britain

significant shorts

Republicans vote to keep Gingrich

Putting aside their doubts, Congressional Republicans yeslerday unanimously renominated News Gingrich for a second term as House Speaker, all but ensuring thal he retains the job when a formal floor vote is held

next January. Earlier, some Republicans who hlamed Mr Gingrich's unpopularity for the drop in their party's majority at the last election to under 20 seats, bad privately sought an alternative. Now the only threat is an Ethics Committee worried about the costs. report due lo be issued al the turn of the year, which might contain damaging revelations about Mr Gingrich's financial dealings. Rupert Cornwell - Washington

Bombs found

in Philippines

Subic Bay Freeport, where 18 Pacific Rim leaders will

gather next Monday for a

Ninoy Aquino International Airport, officials said. A

bomb squad prepared to explode it outside the

that bomb. AP - Manila

Croatia closes

radio station

government ordered the country's last independent radio station to close, on the

grounds that the Zagreb-based Radio 101 was "not

objective". The ministry of communication gave the station until the end of the month to cease operations.

Croatia's bardline

Asia-Pacific Economic

Co-operation summit.

for the meeting.

Tower inferno in Hong Kong

Bosnia vows

to repatriate

war refugees

more than Chaldwar . refugees from Germany,

nearly a year after the

stopped the lighting. The pact, signed by

ministers of both

Dayton peace agreement

governments, adds weight to a decision by Germany's 16 states to start sending back refugees on 1 October.

Germany took in the biggest

number of Bosnian refugees

outside former Yngoslavia

but now politicians are

AP – Bonn

Bosnia pledged to repatriate

People leapt from windows or clung by their fingertips to air conditioners on exterior walls to escape a fire in a Hong Kong commercial Two bombs were discovered at Manila's airport and at high-rise huilding, and one fireman was killed battling the blaze. A dramatic rescue operation was launched by 160 Hong Kong firelighters to save scores of people trapped in the 16-lloor building on the Nathan magnifying security concerns Road, in Kowloon, As many as 68 people were injured.

Reuters – Hong Kong One bomb was found in a bag in the arrival area of the

UN goes on hold in Kabul

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said it was putting most of its activities in Kabul on hold funtil the security situation improves", because of arrests and intimidation of its staff by the ruling Taliban militia.

spokesman for the UNHCR, said that four of the 22 local staff in the UNHCR's main office in Kabul had been arrested, while seven Afghan womeo employees had been told to stay at home since

Man saved by

The crackdown on the station, the only significant spare tyre mouthpiece of Croatia's A 300-pound (135kg) mao found two miles off the US liberal and left-wing opposition, will confirm fears that Croatia's fragile Atlantic coast was saved by democracy is succumbing his girth, doctors said. Robert Slutsky, 54, was fast to the authoritarian rescued on Monday morning. tendencies of President "Just as a whale or polar Franjo Tudjman's nationalist bear is shielded from the Radio 101 will anger the cold, this man's fat saved him Council of Europe, which recently endorsed Croatia's from drowning or freezing to death," Dr Michael Bloch, of application only after Zagreb promised greater respect for human rights and Imre Karaes the freedom of the media. remains in a critical condition. AP - New York make the protect appetition at Bed Carlotte bette gerften gu works of water containing from the contract the party of all the seconds with wife British Co. Minister daysn embers of themselver

terminal. Another was found in the afternoon by a janitor in a crowded area near the main gate of Subic Bay Freeport, the former US naval base west of Manila. Security officials defused

Rupert Cobille, a

the Islamic Taliban captured Kabul 00 27 September. Reuters – Islamabad

The Independent Nescafé Blend 37 Competition Starts Saturday 23 November in The Independent

Your chance to win a laptop computer or a

Magazine

Waterman fountain pen

Not everyone who tries it will like it, but everyone who likes it will love it

NESCAFÉ 3



PROMISE

from Comet, then

ithin 14 days find the

RNT BUY BETTER locally at a lower price, we'll willingly refund the difference, PLUS 10% OF THAT DIFFERINCE

COMET



AUCAN'T BUY BETTER ROCKING OF THAT DIFFERENCE YOU CAN'T BUY BETTER THIS CHARLES OF YOUR NEAREST MULTIMEDIA COMPUTER CENTRE

NEW COMET CHRISTMAS

CATALOGUE IN-STORE NOW!

Packed with 450 of the

best products available.

ral

beativet a more wither nest or space of the man eran Meriani artuggler foul his controver and profite all controllers with The draw of Green say Complement by watering of the County later.

whereal treatmenpin hamas ad same mater Beer of delon lanear of the at Mr. werte : wir de aufens

money Matters of w that the metal the Heap proglam death a house Serbin Charlet and the Secretary and the second The comment starts

human some one care their and the secret of the commissioning benda har a warming I Personal Control ment It is and harries. General Contest will tile from the grant The dealer in dealer to position to be be

Briggs Constitution Party Chapter Property of tunga menendan mast Scoula martin lang $\operatorname{res} \widetilde{M}_{1}(\xi_{1},\xi_{2}) = \operatorname{res} \operatorname{res} \widetilde{M}_{2}(\xi_{1},\xi_{2})$ fel themselve offer five Buckey and Latter were the are well fair

Man Leavis Man let Carpenny of the payer Stell Paul, State F. in a

Iranian Democratic Par

good warm will be Hamilton Which

biological and the frame Seminated the state of the

 $|h_{eff_{12}}\rangle_{(n,\sigma)}|_{(n,\sigma)\to \infty}$ and manda of tone by rock dents in the contract year The victory through place

Kindson Dry Conding haprove or the state. have British and Males and the state of the

The state of the same and Artifaction Admit

1. North 18

....

.... 12 1-4

end of the special state of

Maria de Alexandre

 $\frac{1}{10^{1-\sqrt{2}n^{1-\alpha}}} = \frac{1}{10^{1-\alpha}} \approx 20$

the second section

Control of the late

Rectain Medical

Harry State of the Comment $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{N}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{N}} p(x) = \operatorname{cond}_{\mathbb{R}^{N}} \operatorname{def}_{\mathbb{R}^{N}} = \{x\}$

Proceedings and bes

There is a second

The state of the s

C. U.S. 19

 $(p_{\rm p} = 1) \rightarrow 1/3$

 $r_{i,m} = p_i + m \log^{1/2} x$

and the standard 10.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11

Vision of brutality leaves Israel in shock

Patrick Cockburg Jerusalem

 $^{1000}\,\mathrm{Vo}_{W_8}$

Talriale

er inferno long Kong

COURS OH

un Kabul

saved

vembe

puter

intain (

Tivie

It is the casual brutality with which David Ben Abu and Tzahi Shmaya, two young Israeli border police, kicked, punched and kneed in the groin six Palestinian workers, caught try-ing to enter Jerusalem illegally to work, which most struck Israeli television viewers. As with the amateur video of Los Angeles policemen taking turns to beat Rodney King, the black motorist, in 1992, the film has an impact precisely because the slow-moving violence is ap-parenty inflicted without anger as part of official routine.
Mr Ben Abu and Mr Shmaya

have been detained for questioning and are to stand trial. Denouncing the beatings, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, said: "The acts of those policemen who hit the Palestinian labourers are immoral and criminal. They are not wor-thy of serving further in Israel's security forces, and the full force of the law will be brought down on them."

He claimed that the brutality cootradicted the strict standards of conduct demanded of the Israeli armed forces.

Given the level of violence inficted by Israel oo the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza over the last 10 years, Mr Ben Abu and Mr Shmaya can count themseves unlucky to be singled out. Since the start of the intifada in 1987, the security forces have killed 1,251 Palestinians, including 262 childreo under the age of 16, according to the Israeli human rights organisation, B'Iselem.

Despite frequent Palestinian claims that soldiers fired without provocation, B'Tselem says only three soldiers have been coovicted of manslaughter. At the weekend, a military court in Lod sentenced four soldiers, who shot dead an innocent man in a car to a fine of one agora, the smallest Israeli coin

revulsion among Israelis because "Israeli society has a selfperception of its security forces as behaving according to the rule of law. The majority of Israelis do not want to believe what happens on the West

emphasise his subjugation. The high Palestinian casualties in confrontations with Isracli security forces stem primarily from the liberal open-fire regulations in the Israeli army under which a soldier can shoot

He says that the beatings, at A Ram entry point into Jerusalem filmed by the amateur Palestinian cameramen. the one agora fine for killing a Palestinian by the military court and the decision of the Israeli High Court to allow physical pressure amounting to torture all of which have happened in less than a week - show "the dehumanisatioo of Palestinians which cootinues despite the peace process."

Mr Ben Abu, 18, a warrant officer who had served in the border police, a paramilitary organisation, for two-and-a-half years and Mr Shmaya, 19, who had been in the police for a year, appear to be ordinary enough security men. They claim that they beat the labourers because the incident took place on 10 October and they were still upset by the results of the fight ing between Palestinians and Israelis on 25 September.

The most striking feature of the film, however, is the jocular sadism and lack of anger with worth one-third of a penny.

Eitan Felner of B Iselem which the police strike their victims, at one point one of them

if he believes he is in a lifethreatening situation. The most common reason for soldiers to open fire in the past has been Palestinian youths throwing stones, but figures show that the actual threat to their lives is very limited. More than 1,000 Palestinians have been killed since 1987, but only three Israeli soldiers have died as a result of being hit by a stone during the The A Ram incident is the

second time this year that film taken by an unseen amateur cameraman has embarrassed Israel. After 101 Lebanese refugees were killed by Israeli shells at Qana during Israel's bom-bardment of southern Lebanon in April, the army at first said it had no spotter planes in the area. Only when a vidco taken by a Norwegian UN soldier showed a drone overhead at the time of the attack did the army



Dividing line: Male and female supporters of the Islamic group, Hamas, march in Nablus yesterday in honour of

Bitter end to Germany's Iran affair

Imre Karacs Bonn

Iran's best friend in the West was sweeping up the debris of its special relationship yesterday, wrecked by the sudden realisation that it has been cavorting all these years with a bunch of

After a three-day siege of its embassy in Tehran - denounced by a rent-a-mob as the "secood oest of spies"—Germany's For-eign Minister struggled to de-fied his cootroversial policy of "critical dialogue" with Iran. The clergy in Qom repaid the compliment by waving a fatwa at three German prosecutors who had dared to implicate the

Iranian leadership in terrorism. Breaking off diplomatic re-lations would be, in Mr Kinke's words "a rash decision at the moment". Matters may not go that far just yet, but Bonn's self-proclaimed role as honest broker between Iran and the West seems moribund.

"This regime tramples oo human rights, sweeps opposi-tioo parties it does not like out of the way and blames other people for its actions," the oppositioo Greens said in a state-

largest opposition party, the Social Democrats, have called on Mr Kinkel to abandon the relationship cultivated since "Big Satan" and "Little Satan" were thrown out of Tehran in

A rupture would cost money, a subject close to the German Foreign Ministry's heart. Germany is Iran's largest foreign trade partner, swapping goods worth \$1.4bn dollars (£850m) last year, with hillions nore in the order books.

But this cosy affair has been soured by the diligence of a Berlin court investigating the murder of four Kurdish dissidents in the city four years ago. The victims, three leaders of the Iranian Democratic Party of Kurdistan (DPK-I) and their interpreter, died in a hail of bulicts as two masked men burst into Berlin's Mykonos restaurant in September 1992 and sprayed the tables with ma-

One Iranian, Kazem Darabi, believed to be working for the Iranian secret service, and four Lebanese are standing trial for murder, but witnesses have convinced the judges the real perpetrators of the operation were in Tehran. Abolhassan Banisadr, the former Iranian president now living in exile in France, told the court that "the plan for killing the Kurds in the Mykooos restaurant was approved by the President and the religious leader of Iran around three months before the assas-

That statement in effect put President Akbar Hashemi Raf-sanjani and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in the dock, trigger-ing the first rumblings of protest in Tehran, but worse was to follow. Last Friday, one of the Berlin prosecutors compounded the insult by publicly voicing his conclusions:

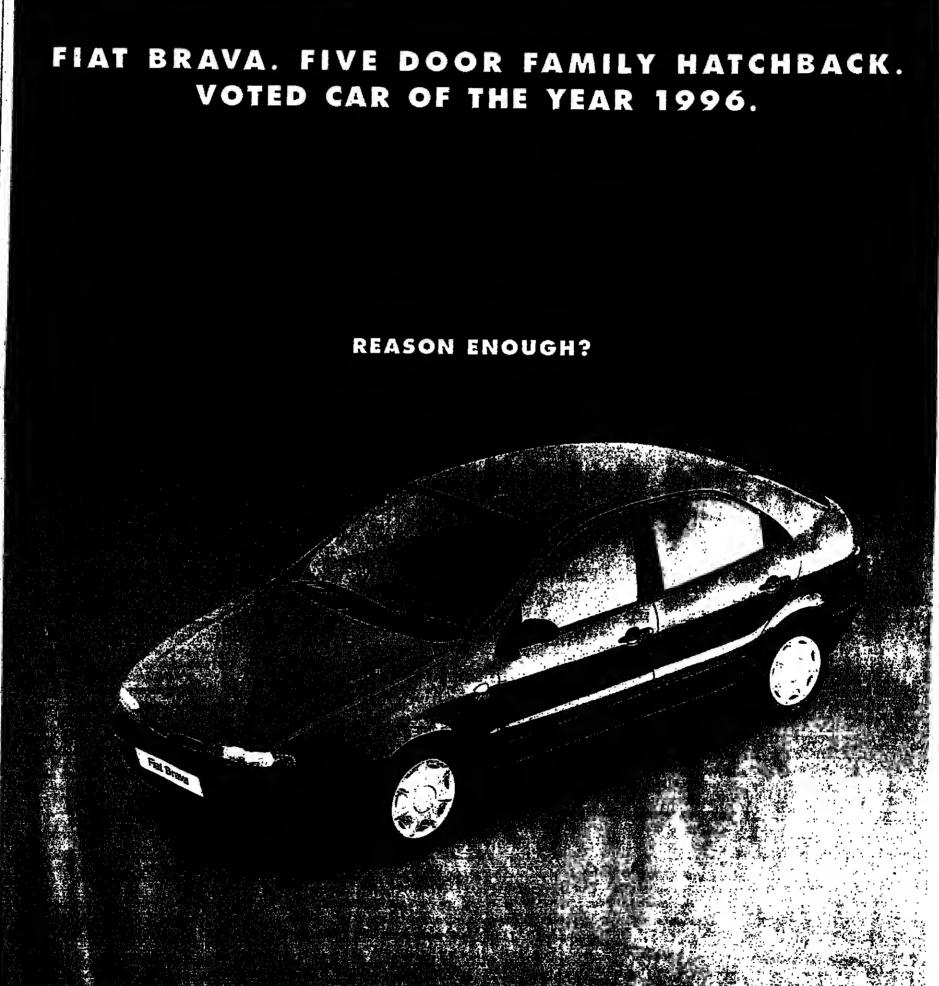
There is not the slightest doubt that the attack was decided, planned and prepared by the Islamic Republic of Iran and its leaders," Bruno Jost told the court. "The brazen attempts by positioo Greens said in a statement. "How much more is the German government willing to take from this regime?"

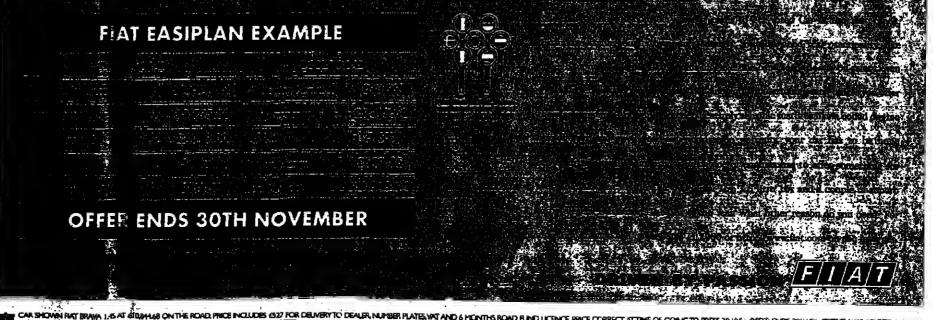
The answer is probably not a lot. Prominent figures in the main governing party, the Christian Democrats have called the court. The brazen attempts by the Tehran government to include the proceedings point to this having happened on Iran's orders," he added, praising the court for "opening the door a bit to the headquarters of Iranian state terrorism and casting a look at the killing machine."

Mr Jost, as everyone now knows in Iran, is in the pay of "Zionists", and yesterday the ayatollains in Qom likened his activities to Salman Rushdie's "crimes". Incensed by the shir against their leaders, thousands of Iranian students had taken to the streets spontaneously, bran-dishing placards castigating "Fascist Germany" and throw-

ing eggs at the embassy.
Some 200 members of the Iranian parliament, the Majlis, called for a revision of ties with Germany, and the authorities in Tehran threatened to "docu-ment" German supplies of chemical weapons to Iraq dur-ing the first Gulf War.

Mr Kinkel maintains this war of words will above, and his poli-cies will bear fruit. But so far he has nothing but Deutschmarks to show for his efforts.





Rebuff mars Yeltsin's return as fighting man

Boris Yeltsin yesterday took a crucial step in his long-awaited comeback by appearing on moved the stitches from his Russian television, but his cautious return to the political fray was marred by a rebuff from his troublesome neighbour - the President of Belarus, Alexander

In the 15 days since his coronary bypass operation, the Kremlin has released several still photographs of Mr Yeltsin. but his television performance provided Russians with their first close look at the patient and, far more importantly, a chance to hear him speak.

Enveloped in a large black coat and a fur hat, he tooked considerably thinner and older than the burly figure whn fought this summer's election campaign, but he spoke with few of the slurs or pauses that punctuated his speech just before the operation. He was also smiling and slightly

His heart - the source of so much political uncertainty and personal discomfort - felt quite

different, he said, standing next to his wife and granddaughter in the gardens of the Central Clinical Hospital in Moscow, where doctors yesterday re-

"Today I have no pain in the

"Today I have no pain in the heart. It is not like it was before the operation'

heart. I don't feel my heart. It is not like it was before the op-eration." He was, he added, in fighting mood".

He will need to be. His groaning in-tray has been piled still taller with the crisis bubbling away in Belarus, on his western border. Russia is by far the most influential player in internawith parliament over a refer-endum on the constitution which - if passed next Sunday - would give him autocratic

In a 40-minute telephone conversation yesterday, Mr Yeltsin urged Mr Lukashenko to compromise, but without much evident success. The 42year-old former Soviet collective farm director failed to attend a Kremlin-organised meeting with his opponents and the heads of Russia's two parliamentary chambers, convened in the hope of finding a

However, he is expected to meet Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian prime minister, later this week.

Yesterday, as tensions re-mained high in the 10 millionstrong nation, both sides were deadlocked.

Mr Lukashenko - who has the support of a 1,500-member ing ahead with the referendum, despite reports from Minsk last Tuesday that he was willing to reach a compromise. tional efforts to persuade Mr. In what has become an elaho-Lukashenko to end his stand-off rate game of brinkmanship, his



Back to the fray: Boris Yeltsin with his wife, Naina, and gran

camp indicated that he would Sharetsky, appears unwilling ment-controlled airwaves to not call off the poll unless his to do so unless he first scraps parliamentarians camp indicated that he would parliamentary opponents stop

the referendum, reinstates the recently sacked head of the But the opposition, led by the country's election commission parliamentary speaker, Semyon and opens up the now govern- constitutional count decides that

parliamentarians.
All this has the potential to turn nasty, not least beginse of an intriguing detail; it begans

there are grounds for impeaching Mr Lukashenko, the law states that his powers would be suspended until parliament de-

months in office have provided little evidence that the constitution matters a jot to him. That - his supporters would say is why he wants a new one.

Britain tries

THINK WITH EVERY PURCHASE WHAT'S
THE CHEAPEST
WAY TO
COMMUNICATE?

ON ALL CELLNET DIGITAL MOBILE PHONES

REE LINE RENTAL FOR 2 MONTHS ON SELECTED MOBILES**

Mitsubishi MT11

• Up to 80 minutes talktime/

99 name and number memory

Philips FIZZ

45 hours standby

Send and recieve

Up to 75 minutes talktime/

99 name and number memory

short text messages FREE BATTERY

Send and receive short text

Last 10 number redial

Motorola D460

20 hours standby

messages



Nokia 1610

 Up to 210 minutes talktime/100 hours

- standby 100 name and number
- memory Dedicated VoiceMail key
- Call timer
- Large 4 line LCD display Permanent signal
- strength/battery level





 Digital technology gives you call clarity and privacy e Per-second billing



• Low cost tariffs and local call saver option Use outside the UK

Ask in store for details of the Calinet Digital network

a minimum of 200 BT minutes with all mobile phone purchases* You'll make a far better

Save on your next BT phone bill with

> this Christmas! With 68 stores nationwide, you'll discover a huge range of mobile phones and advanced communication

choice at The Link

products - it's the biggest choice in the Our friendly, helpful staff will help

you make the right purchase to suit your needs and your pocket. With fantastic offers every week,

> FREEPHONE 0500 222 666 FOR YOUR HEAREST STORE AND



THE BIGGEST CHOICE Choose from the largest range o

IMPARTIAL EXPERT ADVICE Our expert staff are specially trained in all communication products and will be happy to belp you make the



THE LINK PRICE PROMISE If you find exactly the same package cheaper locally within 7 days, we will

MOBILE PHONE COVER offering cover for everything from accidental damage to theft and call cionina. Ask in-store for details.



FREE CHOICE GUARANTEE you make your purchase, you can be essured that should your circumstances change, you can return your phone and cancel your airtime.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE if you are not completely satisfied, return your purchase for a return within 14 days for mobile phones, 7 days for all other products:





When you connect to a Cellnet Digital Laritt, "" When you connect to Regular Caller Plus months 11, 12 are from Worth E35.98, "Credited to your next available ST phone bill at the standard local weekend rate, "Chequeback is by and March 1997 bills up to a maximum of E50. Ask for details, "By redemption, for bries of up to 5 days for a car and passengers taken before end of June 1997. Ask firstors for details, "Onnection to mobile phones is subje

for special relationship with Russia

Moscow

Britain yesterday offered Russia a "special relationship of an unprecedented nature" with

tolerance elsewhere in the world and the spread of ouclear, biological and chemical weapons, Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, said in Moscow.

Russian officers should be posted to Nato headquarters and witness the planning of Nato operations at every level to overcome Russian fears about Nato expansion.

But yesterday, many of his Russian military audience and the Russian Foreign Ministry who are the people who really count - remained sceptical.

Mr Portillo was on a two-day visit to Russia in which he met his Russian opposite number, General Igor Rodiouov, President Yeltsin's Chief of Staff. Anatoly Chubais, and Russia's Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Pri-

Mr Primakov, a long-standing opponent of Nato enlargement, was very specific about areas where Nato and Russia might overcome their differences, but one of them was an insistence that both sides agree a non-agression pact.

The Nato leadership in Brus-sels is most reluctant to sign a non-aggression pact certainly by that name, partly because they do not have an illustrious history and partly because that would imply there had been earlier aggressive intentions. On Thesday, General Rodi-

onov said he had been convinced that Nato was not aggressive or a threat to Russia. but that he had millions of people to convince. Yesterday, Mr Portillo met

some of them - 300 senior officers, students and staff at the General Staff Academy, the octagonal, spacecraft-like building on the edge of Moscow, which trains the élite of the Russian armed forces, plus officers from former Soviet states and their allies, for top jobs.

He got an unexpectedly rough ride. One asked why, if Nato was now keeping the peace in Bosnia, it could not help Russia in its peace-keeping operations in the Commonwealth of Independent States - Russia's "near abroad". Mr Portillo appeared to misunderstand, thinking he was

referring to the internal affairs of Russia itself. An admiral, unaccustomed to civilian defence ministers, asked what qualifications Mr Portillo had to lecture them on military

Mr Portillo outlined the dan-

more chaotic world. He said . that 20 countries now possess :: ballistic missiles and that some European countries, including · Russia, which he stressed would ·

The "civilised nations of the world" should join together to fight extremism, greed and in-Were North Korea to export its more advanced systems, other nations could be at risk, a point probably not lost on three North Korean officers in dark

be part of any European secu-

green uniforms sitting in the au-At least a dozen countries have the ability to deploy chem-



Yevgeny Primakov: Insists on non-aggression pact

ical or biological weapons, or have development program-

"We cannot abolish extremism, greed and intolcrance. But a strong of the world, can deter them. We must stip them winning." he said.
"I hope that Russia will play

its full part in this," Mr Portillo said. "Nato and Russia can and must develop a real security partnership, founded on substance.

"We do not expect Russia to a co-operate with Nato on the same terms as smaller nations. . . We offer Russia a special relationship of an unprecedented nature,

Mr Portillo said co-operation between Russia and Nato in-Bosnia pointed the way to future co-operation. If Russia wanted to know what Nato was up to, it should send more people to Nato to find out.

"If Russia wants to know how Nato is approaching planning for its new missions, please extend Russian representation to levels below the high political level at Brussels - to the military commands that will be planning for operations by Nato's combined joint task

"If a charter can help, let us have one. But let it not be devoted to sterile repetition of mutual undertakings which derive from the fears of a bygone age. Let us move on."

forces.

Fear Zair

men e e a tra

Survivored No. 2, array

Books, Indiana e

وكاله ويتواج المعار والمالعة

With Manager

east, and the original

Time the Property.

Taiwat

remain

care is

of relat

between

David Orr There have been a Withdrag to the contract has been a distributed by $\log_{100 \, \mathrm{MHz}/T}$ $A_{\Sigma}u_{\alpha}=u_{\alpha}\ldots_{\alpha}u_{\alpha}$ Chesters to the

the usual of the care

Volume 1

then any a second

mpoline and

Make III and Same

"Personal Control

Tung to a second

Mongarity of the state of the s

 $cod_{\mathcal{O}(n)} = c_{n+1} + c_{n+1}$

wid the contract of

Profit Control of the State of

In the course of the course of

hen a government

 $\log(1/\rho_{\rm th}) \cdot N_{\rm theory}$

Tange I programme

THE THE PARTY OF T

In the same Ville

 (u_1,\dots,u_{r+2k+1})

What he may done it of

Leagh contracts The way

US seeks Warmer ties with Peking

Peking

NOTH NIGHT

 $\mathcal{A}^{(i)} := \{\{i_{n+1}, \gamma_{i_n}\}$ 1.11

زاره ۱۸۰ ت

g. 600 c

The United States yesterday noved to build a new partnerslip with China, avoiding inflammatory confrontations over human rights in favour of a relationship which could address the issues which divided the two nations.

In his first significant foreign policy statement since re-elecion, President Clinton said he vanted "to sustain an engagenent with China".

Washington views relations with Peking as its most impor-tant bilateral challenge as the two countries approach the next century. Speaking to the Australian parliament, Mr Clin-ton said: "The direction China

'Taiwan still remains the core issue of relations between the US and China'

akes in the years to come, the way they define its greatness in he future, will help to decide whether the next century is one of conflict or co-operation."

He stressed the US had no iterest in containing China, That is a negative strategy," he aid, while confirming Ameica would maintain 100,000 roops across the Pacific.

This Sunday, at a regional conomic forum in Manila, Mr Clinton will meet for the fourth ime with his Chinese counterstate visits next year which 1 July next year. would symbolise a new phase in 10-US relations.

In Peking, the US Secretary State, Warren Christopher, esterday emphasised the strategic importance of the reationship and the scope for huilding on the "positive momentum" of recent improvements in ties. However, his talks with Mr Jiang, the prime minister, Li Peng, and the for-eign minister, Qian Qichen, failed to yield any public sign of technology to Iran including, ac-

hle relationship, China was still playing hardball on key

sues of disagreement.

Mr Qian attacked the US's we" arms sales to the island state of Taiwan, "the core issue of Sino-American relations". US officials later said sales of defensive armaments to-Taiwan would continue

Comments on the vexed questions of China's human rights record illustrated the gulf between Washington and Peking's presentation of the day's diplomacy. Mr Christopher yesterday said he had raised human rights and the recent harsh sentences on dissidents in his meetings.

"It was, I think, probably the most coming-to-grips dis-cussion that we've had of human rights issues for some time, maybe the most of all," Mr Christopher said. China had very definitely engaged with

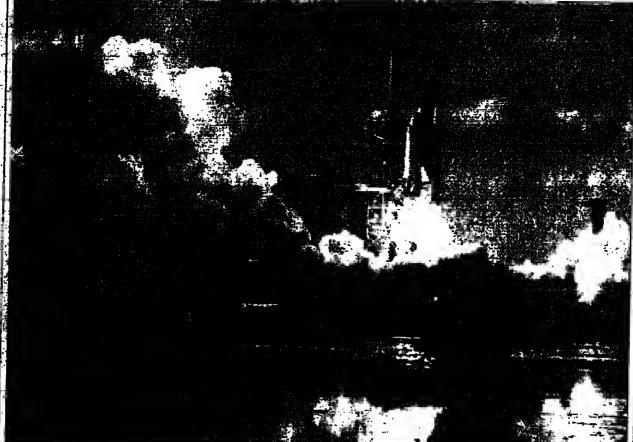
us" on the issue, he added. The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Cui Tiankai, replied that Peking was opposed to the use of human rights as an "excuse" to interfere with China's internal affairs.

"Anybody who has a good true genuine understanding of China would conclude that the human rights situation is now the best of all time in China," he said. This was because in "the old days there were some other countries that took part in massive violations in China. On Hong Kong, Mr Christo-

pher said the world would be watching when sovereignty was transferred to China next July. Mr Cui countered: "The return of Hong Kong to China will mark the real beginning of human rights being enjoyed by the people of Hong Kong." No other country will have the part, Jiang Zemin. They may right to "poke its nose" into discuss a possible exchange of Hong Kong's affairs after

> Mr Christopher spoke of "interests we can best advance b working together", and dwelt at length on discussions relating to the non-proliferation of nu-clear and conventional arms technology. The US would con-sider some form of peaceful nuclear co-operation with China even before the 1985 accord was fully implemented.

This might be the reward for China if it stops selling nuclear while Mr Christopher concentrated on the potential rewards to Peking of a more sta-



great blue heron flies by as Space Shuttle Columbia, whose crew includes Story Musgrave, at 61 in space, blasted off yesterday on a mission to examine the stars Photograph: Paul Kizzle/AP | would not be charged with har-

Student denies baby killing

dent accused of murdering his girlfriend's baby after helping to deliver it, will surrender and deny the charge, his lawyer

Brian Peterson is charged with marder along with 18-year-old Amy Grossberg, the baby's mother.

The baby was put in a plas-tic bag and dumped in a rub-bish bin outside a hotel last

Joseph Hurley said Peter-son's family had considered sending the 18-year-old abroad to avoid prosecution, but he had

talked them out of it. The lawyer described Peter-son, a student at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, as "a combination of dazed and extremely fearful" since prosecutors said they would charge him and seek the death penalty. He said Peterson would surrender today and plead innocent to a first-degree murder charge, so that the family

Delaware (AP) - A coflege stu- bouring a fugitive. Hurley said on ABC's Good Morning America that the mother had considered fleeing with her son. When a mother bears her son

is facing the death penalty, he said, "one of the immediate thoughts is, 'I'm getting them out of here'. " Grossberg of New Jersey, was

arrested Monday and was being held without bail. Both she and Peterson could be sentenced to death if convicted.

Peterson and Grossberg "never went into that motel with the idea, 'We are going to kill a child,' "Hurley said.
On 12 November, the potice

anthorities say. Peterson had driven three hours from Pennsylvania to Newark to pick up Grossberg at the University of Delaware. They checked into n motel, where Peterson helped deliver the baby boy and put him in the rubhish hin.

Police betieve Peterson is the baby's father but want to compare his blood to the baby's

FIAT BRAVA. FIVE DOOR FAMILY HATCHBACK. £99 A MONTH. APR 5.6%. PLUS DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT. REASON ENOUGH!

FIAT EASIPLAN EXAMPLE OFFER ENDS 30TH NOVEMBER

ITHE ROAD, PRICE INCLUDES 1527 FOR DELIVERYTO DEALER, NUMBER FLATES, WAT AND 6 MONTHS ROAD RUND LICENCE PRICE CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS 30:10 ARANTEE MAY BE REQUIRED, WRITTEN QUOTATIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM RAT MOTOR FINANCE, 3 PRINCESS WAY, RECHELL SURREY, RIHI INF. FLAT MOTOR

Fears grow for Zaire's hidden 'Holocaust'

David Orr

They have been called the missing masses" and their fate has been described as a "hidden

As fighting erupted in east-ern Zaire last month, aid agen-cies reported that hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees had been driven deep into the country's interior, beyond the

reach of help. The agencies warned that their numbers would he decimated by hunger, thirst and disease if an emergency relief operation could not be launched with all possible

More than a month after the start of the conflict be-tween the Zairean army and castern Zairean rebels, no real evidence has emerged of the predicted humanitarian disaster.

Most of the Rwandan refugees who started to stream home from Zaire last Friday were in good physical condition.

So keen were they to return to heir neighbourhoods that few ollected rations or field packs rom United Nations agencies. However, the number of upooted people still stranded in Zaire's interior is being fiercedisputed.
Even though official esti-

nates have been revised since ne mass exodus of refugees last reckend, the UN says 600 to 00,000 Rwandan refugees are till unaccounted for inside

The Rwandan government ery few vulnerable groups still return home.

of the refugees who are based in Zaire have returned home". said Rwanda's vice-president Paul Kagame in the Rwandan capital Kigali yesterday. The UNHCR, the United

Nations' refugee agency, says that at least half a million Rwandan refugees crossed the border last weekend and that more than half a million still have to emerge from the hills and forests of Zaire. That there is no hard evi-

dence that these people are dying, says UNHCR, should not be an excuse for complacency. "Some people have been away from food and water for more than a month," UNHCR spokesman Paul Stromberg told The Independent yesterday.

"Added together, the lack of food, shelter and medical care will combine to cause real problems. Their condition is probably becoming more

With plans for the deployment of an international force in Zaire beginning to falter, the Rwandan government contin-ues to make clear its distaste for foreign intervention.

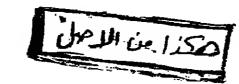
Yesterday, Mr Kagame, who is also defence minister, said that since last weekend there is no longer any need for thousands of troops to protect the distribution of relief supplies in eastern Zaire.

Rwanda has long been opposed to foreign intervention. The proposed international mission has been mandated to ensure food reaches the needy n the other hand claims that - and that exiled Rwandans can



ESTATE CARS AR
IT APPEARS OUR DESIGNERS

العالم الدول





SUPPOSED TO BE BULKY AND BORING. VE SOME EXPLAINING TO DO.

HE MAJORITY of estate cars, it has to be said, tend to look as if they were designed as a bit of an afterthought. A great big box stuck on the back of the saloon counterpart. Not so the new Vectra Estate.

You see our designers, perfectionists that they are, set about creating a cur with all the practicalities of an estate with none of the 'ugliness.' Or as they put it 'a beautiful continuous flow from the bonnet through to the rounded rear. And a design that 'embodied all the elements of the Vectra saloon but added an element of functionality and flair that is uniquely its own." (They do tend to go on a bit these designers.)

> But in this case we'll forgive them. After all, they have produced an exceptional car that combines genuine driving pleasure with an appeal that goes far beyond the versatility of load area. Oh dear, they've got us at it now.

> > If you'd like to take the new Vectra Estate for a test drive, and we rather suspect you would, call 0800 455 466 for details of your nearest Vauxhall Dealer.

> > > THE NEW VECTRA ESTATE FROM VAUXHALL



r 7-

Sir Havelock Hudson

ir Havelock Hudson was peraps the last Chairman of loyd's of the old school Not nat Lloyd's was not already hanging fast in his chairmanhip, which lasted from 1975 to 977; oor that cracks had not aleady begun to appear in the aahogany veneer which covred the market's turbulent nd sometimes disreputable redities. But in 1977, when Sir lavelock was knighted by the lucen and also awarded the fold Medal for services to loyd's, the market was still genrally seen as an untroubled and ranquilly prosperous part of the

hal the market was still lominated by men with as simole a sense of honour and straight dealing as his own, an assumption that was sooo to be painfully disproved.
"Hal" Hudson began his ca-

reer in the merchant navy, where he served, as the phrase weot, "before the mast" after eaving Rugby School. He went to Lloyd's in 1938, but soon en-



listed in the Royal Hampshire Regiment, from which he was seconded to the Parachute Regiment. He was badly wounded during the Normandy landings in 1944, and decorated for his

part in the campaign. He like to tell an amusing story about how ooe of his friends had inserted a ribald poem by Oliver St John Gogarty, "Lines to a Boon Companion", into the wrapping of his medals: If medals were ordained for drinks Or soft communings with a minx, Or being at your ease belated, By heaven! You'd be decorated.

The implication presumably was that even by the standards of a tough regiment he was thought to have had a ootable capacity for enjoymeot.

After the war he went back

10 Lloyd's, and was elected an underwriting member (a "working Name") in 1952. He was first elected to the Committee in 1965 and re-elected in 1970 and again in 1970. He was Deputy Chairman io 1968, 1971 and 1973, and Chairman from 1975

Perhaps surprisingly for a man who was something of a traditionalist, Hudsoo advised his successor and friend, Ian Findlay, to go ahead and build a oew Lloyd's.

As an immediate past Chairman, Hai Hudsoo responded strongly to the news of the "Savonita" affair, which involved suspicions that the Committee had howed to the interests of hig hrokers in dismissing claims by a comparatively small broker, Malcolm

cars shipped from Italy to the United States.

Hodson called immediately and publicly for a thorough investigation to clear Lloyd's reputation. Equally characteristically, when approached as Chairman by Pearson, he had expressed surprise that there should be any doubt in the matter. If the claim was a good one, it seemed to him, it should he paid; if a bad one, it should oot be paid, and there was an eod of the matter. "Bat straight," he said, ignoring the fact that cricket has never caught on in Italy.

In his speech thanking the Committee of Lloyd's for his Gold Medal, Hudson expressed his philosophy in what now seem poignant words. "Lloyd's does not continue to hold its unrivalled position in the world," he said, "because of its [financial] capacity, but because of its honour, an old-fashioned word perhaps, but 1 am speaking to people who still know what it means." Some of his hearers did. but he must have heen sad to learn over the last two ades that others cannot have had the faintest idea of what he was on about.

Godfrey Hodgson

Havelock Henry Trevor Hudson, insurance underwriter, born 4 January 1919; underwriter, Lloyd's 1952-88, Deputy Chair-man 1968, 1971, 1973, Chairman 1975-77; Kt 1977; married 1944 Elizabeth Home (two sons; marriage dissolved 1956), 1957 Lady Cathleen Eliot (died 1994; one Pearsoo, that he had beeo son, one daughter); died Stanford pressurised into paying a frauduleot claim involving Fiat 1996.

Lord Hankey

The second Lord Hankey was a man of great style and energy who was present at some of the more extraordinary

moments in history.

He was the eldest son of the arch-mandarin Maurice Hankey, Cabinet Secretary between 1916 and 1938, and there was oo doubt that Robert was born to public service. His father, according to Arthur Balfour, was responsible for Britain's having won the First World War. The son had a lot to live up to.

He was educated at Rugby and New College, Oxford, and he joined the Foreign Service in 1927. He had a talent for languages and became proficient in German, Freoch, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Persian and Arabic. He began his career as Third Secretary in Berlin and later in Paris, hut came hack to England in 1936, when he was appointed Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary, Anthony Edeo. His next posting was to Warsaw and Hankey was one of the first to learn of Hitler's invasion of Poland. As the German armies closed in, Hankey escaped to Romania.

From Europe he went to Tehran and was there in 1943 for the most significant Allied meeting that year, and arguably of the war, between Roosevell, Stalin and Churchill. It was the first time Roosevelt and Stalin met and historians record this meeting as the momeot the decision was made by the Allies

to invade France. By July 1945, Hankey was back in Warsaw where he became one of the first British of-

of thousands of Polish army officers in the Katyn forest and he was given the report of the Polish Red Cross and knew of the culpability of the Russians. His oext two postings were to Madrid and Budapest. In May 1953 Hankey set out

for Cairo, the ambassador having fallen sick. Hankey was a good choice. His father was a director of the Suez Canal Company. Indeed, the year of Hankey's appointment to Cairo his father predicted that the British were heading straight for disaster and that the Egyptians would take control of the canal.

A group of army officers had overthrown King Farouk and was demanding the evacuatioo of the British from the Suez Caoal zooe. Hankey was hriefed by Winston Churchill that, if he did oothing else for six months, he should avoid giving anything away. Churchill also said that Hankey should see his role in Egypt as that of a "patient sulky pig". Hankey was to



Hankey: 'Churchill's stooge' Photograph: Camera Press

discover that Nasser was intelligent and a man who thought with his head rather than his

Hankey's last posting was to Stockholm, and in 1960 he began a loog and happy retire-ment and was appointed permanent UK representative to the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation.

"Robin" Hankey was much loved in Cowden, a small village in Kent where he spent a long and happy retirement. He was a member of the choir - the only tenor - in the 12th-century St Mary Magdalene Church. He was a fit and active man, played tennis well into his seventies and skied until his late eighties.

Robert Maurice Alers Hankey, diplomat: born 4 July 1905; CMG 1947, KCMG 1955; HM Ambassador at Stockholm 1954-60; KCVO 1956: Permanent UK Delegate to OEEC and OECD, and Chairman, Economic Policy Committee 1960-65; Vice-President, European Institute of Business Administration, Fontainebleau 1966-82; succeeded 1963 as second Baron Hankey; married 1930 Frances Stuart-Menteth (died 1957; two sons, two daughters), 1962 Joanna Wright (died 1991), 1992 Stephanie Langley (née King); died 28 October 1996.

heart. No better government for Egypt was in sight. But Hankey predicted that there would be a tendency for the Egyptians to make difficulties for the Suez Canal company once British troops were withdrawn. The Egyptians called him Churchill's stooge and a master of espiooage.

Linda Melvern



Not only was Louis Szathmáry the "grandfather" of frozen prepared institutional foods in the United States, he also developed space foods for Nasa, and played a leading role in food

and played a leading tole in lood processing and canning, as well as in industrial franchise design. Born in Hungary in 1919, Szathmáry obtained a PhD in Psychology from the Universi-ty of Budapest. In 1951 he left Hamburg abroad the USS Hershey with 2,000 immigrants bound for New York, having previously worked variously as an actor, a journalist and a psy-chologist. Whilst waiting to leave for New York, he was employed in Salzhurg by Hofrat Bauer, a brilliant restaurateur.

the US came from a retreat home for semi-retired Jesuit priests on Manresa Island, Connecticut, where he was compelled to learn English speedily. From the beginning he became fascinated with frozen foods and began serious research in the subject. The name "Chef Louis" was bestowed upon him early on by those finding difficulty with

Szathmáry's first job offer in

his Hungarian surname. When the Jesuits sold their island, Szathmáry got a joh with a company president in the

food industry. He became well-

known in the field of product development, particularly of frozen foods and ready-made meals. For three years from 1960 he served as product development manager of Armour Food Corporation.

Feeling the urge to demonstrate his culinary ideas in a restaurant of his own, in 1963 he became the chef-owner of the Bakery restaurant in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago. The Bakery acquired world-wide renown. Writers, poets, painters and musicians such as Ribor Selby and Bela Bartók Jnr were frequent visitors to the "kitchen room" alongside the main rooms of the restaurant. The most popular dish oo the meou was Szathmáry's own Beef Wellington, and so it remained from within six months of opening until 1989, when he

retired and sold the restaurant. Throughout the Bakery years, Szathmáry wrote as a food columnist and produced books including Sear's Gournet Forum (1968), American Gas-tronomy (1974), and The Chef's Secret Cookbook (1975), The Louis István Szathmáry, restau-Chef's New Secret Cookbook rateur and writer; born Rako-(1975) and America Eats (1992);

In 1988 Szathmáry donated

he also edited the 15-volume Cookery Americana (1973)...

his private culinary arts collec-tion, consisting of 200,000 artefacts then valued at \$2m, to Johnson and Wales University of Providence, Rhode Island. Some 8,000 books from his culinary library were also donated to Johnson and Wales.

In the warren of rooms above the Bakery restaurant Szath-máry's three non-culinary collections of books - one of Hungarian and one of Transylvanian literature, the third memorabilia of Liszt, Kodály and Bartók - were housed, and a full-time librarian was employed to look after them. This personal library of 45,000 books was donated to various US libraries: the Franz Liszt oblicotioo is housed in Boston University, the cookery books in the University of Iowa and the Hungarian collection in the University of Chicago. At his death Szatbmáry was

working oo two books and was active on the editorial advisory board of Biblio magazine. Andrey Ellison

Louis István Szathmáry, restauspalota, Hungary 2 June 1919; married 1960 Sada Tanino (one daughter); died Chicago, Illinois 4 October 1996.

Air Commodore Colin Cadell

controls throughout flight and an approach under radio conarr approach under radio con-trol to any airport in the world is now taken for granted. But in the late 1940s, and early 1950s, when Air Commodore Colin Cadell was managing director of International Aeradio, this was far from the situation. Cadell went round the world, supervising the installation of novel systems theo at the frontiers of technology.

For this internationally im-portant task, he was technically and managerially superbly well qualified. Born at Bonally in the Colinton district of Edinburgh, he was christened Colin after the district by his, then elderly, pareots Lieuteoant-Colooel and Mrs Cadell of Foxhall. After Merchiston and Edinburgh University, where he studied Physics and Electrical Engineering, Cadell went as a graduate to RAF Cranwell, where he was commissiooed in

Service in Palestine was followed by an opportunity to be the RAF officer who spent a year at the Ecole Superieure d'Electricité, inter alia giving him a knowledge of technical French which was to prove an invaluable help in dealing with the three French air force squadrons, and in supervising the installation, post-war, of radio communications.
In late 1934, Cadell was cho-

sen by Sir Miles Lampson, lat-er first Baroo Killearn, ambassador to Egypt, High Commissioner for the Sudan and, de facto, Britain's proconsul in the Near East, as his ADC. The then somewhat shy Cadell enjoyed himself and broadened his horizons.

Lampsoo's daughter Meg brought out her best friend and flatmate, Rosemary Pooley. The young ADC and the pro-consul's daughters and their friends held somewhat surreptitious parties during strict mouning at the Lampson court after the death of King George V. Cadell became engaged to Miss Pooley in 1938; I ampsoo produced the much repeated



That aircraft should have radio observation that "I had simply no idea that Resemany had such good taste!" The marriage was to last 57 years and was the bedrock of Cadell's

Returning home Cadell was selected for staff college in 1937 and then after a spell at the Air Ministry was giveo com-mand of 18 Wing in 1940 in Scotland. After serving in the Middle East as Chief Signals Officer, he was brought back to the Air Ministry as Director of Sig-nals in 1944. Professor R.V. Jones remembers him as a straight RAF officer who was in charge at the time the night fighters first confronted the

Luftwaffe. Both the late Ronald Selby Wright, Chaplain to the Forces, and General Sir Michael Gow have remarked that Cadell must be about the only man who worked in intelligence and had not, oo a matter of principle,

written his memoirs.
A CBE (military division) was poor consolation for not getting the DSO and Bars of some of his contemporaries. Cadell's taleots were deemed to be those of a senior technical officer, confined to the ground. It was partly on this account of oot being allowed to be a front-line flyer that Cadell, against the ad-vice of his boss and friend John (later Marshal of the RAF Sir John) Slessor, left the Air

After installing radio sig-oalling and take-off and land-ing facilities in 30 countries from North Africa to Aden. Cadell left Aeradio for eight years on Gavin Astor's Times as a technical consultant. It was an unhappy period, as Cadell was a team player and found his employers wayward and unworkshie with.

The autumn of his life was devoted to the Carron Company, where he helped to modernise an ineffective board structure in this ancient iron-founding busioess, to the Royal Bank of Scotland, to the chairmanship of the Edinburgh Airport Coosultative Committee, and to being Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Lothian, a task which from my first-hand knowledge he performed meticulously. He was a meticulous man.

Tam Dalyell Colin Simson Cadell, air office of-ficer and businessman; born Edinburgh 7 August 1905; CBE 1944; managing director, In-ternational Aeradio 1947-58; member Edinburgh Airport Con-sultative Committee 1972-96, Chairman 1972-82; Vice Lord-Lieutenant for West Lothian 1972-88: married 1939 Rosemary Pooley (two sons, one daughter); died Edinburgh 29 October 1996.

Dafydd Orwig

Bilingual educatioo in Wales owes a great deal to a handful of local government politicians. In Glamorganshire, to the so-cialist intellectual Lord Heycock, in Gwynedd to Lloyd George's oephew W.R.P. George and - in particular - to Dafydd Orwig, who was hoo-oured this year by being chosen as chairman of the oew Gwynedd Council.

Orwig had done a long stint as an effective councillor. He had been a member of the Caemarfonshire County Council in 1973 and was a member of Gwynedd County Council from 1974 until local government reorganisation in April 1996. During those 23 years he

took every opportunity to safe-guard the Welsh language of the policy council. He did so with vigour and made sure that the translatioo service was given plenty to do by speaking always in his native tongue. I salute him for his courage and was always proud to hear him at the University of Wales Court of Governors pleading for his beloved

language. He argued with conviction and his vision was of a bilingual Wales with every child able to speak the language and every studeot understanding it.

Orwig played an active part in the academic provision of textbooks in his own discipline. He wrote his first book in

1961, Fy Atlas Cyntaf ("My First Atlas"), then he adapted Cyril Midgley's Looking at the Map for Edrychwch ar y Map (1972) and C. Penrose's The Landscape of Britain for Tirlun Prydain (also 1972). But his outstanding contributioo was as editor of Yr Atlas Cymracg ("The Weish Atlas"), published in 1988. It was the culmination of eight years of hard work for him and his team.

of contributors.

Dafydd Orwig taught at the county school in Blaenau Ffestiniog and the Dyffryn Ogweo High School m Bethesta, before being appointed a lecturer in a teachers' training college, Ban-gor Normal College, where he became an effective ambassador among future teachers. Orwig was a very politically minded individual and his sup-

port for Plaid Cymru was total. He served the party in every possible sphere, at grass roots in the slate town of Bethesta, in the council chamber and in a number of general elections, as agent for the nationalist candidate in the Conwy constituency.

His other great concern was the Celtic languages and he gave his best as chairman of the European Board of Lesser Used Languages. He was a fine Celt (he had received his early education at Carnew School in Co Wicklow) and his cootributioo

to the Welsh language cannot be measured. He ooce told me that his greatest interest in life was to promote the language in

every sphere. Personally he showed the way by deleting his own origi-nal surname of Jooes, a symbolic act which became popular with so many younger members of the Welsh Language Society. The society was proud he was one of its early members.

D. Ben Rees

Dafydd Orwig Jones (Dafydd Orwig), teacher, geographer and local politician: born Deiniolen, Caernarvonshire 17 September 1928; married (three sons); died Bangor 10 November 1996.

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

BIRTHS

LEWIS: On 20 November 1996, at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cam-bridge, to Carol Jaée Smith) and Philip, a daughter, Emma Catherine, a sister for Rebecca.

DEATHS

PERREN: George Ernest, on 19 November, died at home bravely and with great dignity. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium. North Chapel, at 11.30 on Friday 22 November. No flowers please but any donations to Marie Curte Cancer Care, Suffolk Appeals Office, 20 Beach Road, Lowestoft NR32 1EA, telephone 01502 537937.

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, I Canada Square, Ca-nary Wharf, London E14 SDL, telephoned to 0171-293 2011 or faxed to 0171-293 2010, and are charged at £6.50 a line (VAT extra).

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Opera and The Dute of Edinburgh visal Bed-ford. The Frince of Weles, on behalf of the Queen, holds an Investigate at Buckingham Palace, and as President. Business in the Community and the Prace's Trust, attends the Isunets of Gifts in Kind UK at S. Janes's Palace. Prince Edward, Chair-man of the International Cotacol. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, atcomburgus s award international Americana, at-tends a draner at the Savoy, London WC2. The Duke of Gioneester, President, NABC - Clubs for Young People, visits clubs in Bristol.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse General.

Birthdays

Mr Coningsby Allday, former chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 76; Miss Beryl Bainbridge, author and actress, 62; Mrs Georgina Battiscombe, author, 91; Mr Roy Boulling, film producer 82; Miss Ting Bonne, Editor ducer, 83; Miss Tina Brown, Editor, the New Yorker, 43; Mr Jeremy Bullmore, director, Guardian and Man-chester Evening News, 67; Miss Amelia Freedman, Founder and Artistic Director, Nash Ensemble, 56; Mr Nickolas Grace, actor, 49; Dr Michael Grant, Greek and Roman historian, 82; Miss Goldie Hawn, ac tress, 51; Mr John Horder, poet and journalist, 60; Sir Stanley Kalms, founder and chairman, Dixons Group, 65; M Jacques Laffite, Grand Prix driver, 53; Miss Natalie Makarova, ballerina, 56; Mr Tim Robinson, cricketer, 38; Mr Peter Sharpe, chief constable, Hertfordshire, 52; Mr Malcolm Williamson, composer and Master of the Queen's Music, 65; Viscount Younger of Leckie, former Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and

Falkirk, 90.

Anniversaries Births: Voltaire (François-Marie Arouet), philosopher and writer, 1694; Harpo (Adolph, or Arthur) Marx, comedian, 1888; René-François Ghislain Magritte, Surrealist painter. 1898. Deaths: Henry Purceil, composer, 1695; Mariano Jose Maria Bernardo Fortuny, painter, 1874. On this day: the Montgolfier brothers made the first hotair balloon flight, 1783; construction work began on the Forth Road Bridge, 1958; proceedings in Parliament were televised for the first time, 1989. Today is the Feast Day of St Albert of Louvain and St Gelasius L

Royal Society, London SW1: Pro-

MOYAL Society of Literature, London W2: Fleur Adcock, Alan Brownjohn, Wendy Cope, D.J. Emight and James Fenton, "Travelling Light: a celebration of Gavin Ewart", 7pm.
Coortand Institute, London WC2: John Murdoch, "An Object of National Splendour: Somerset House, the Scand Pilest & 20

Luncheons Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, held a luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens, London SW1, in honour of Mr Daniel T arap Moi, President of the Republic of Kenya. Mid-Atlantic Club / English-

"Europe - In or Out?"

Dinners

Inner Temple Mr Edward Nugee, Treasurer, and the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple, hosted a dinner yesterday evening at Inner Temple, London EC4, to mark the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among those Mr John Collinge, New Zealand High Com-

Lectures

Royal Society, London SWI: rro-fessor Terry Jones, "Fuel for Thought: making jet engines more ef-ficient", opm. Royal Society of Literature, London

the Strand Block", 6.30pm.

Speaking Union

Mrs Edwina Currie MP was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon held yesterday by the Mid-Atlantic Chib and the English-Speaking Union at the English-Speaking Union, London SW1. She spoke on

Brearford; The Bishop of London; Lord Wilberforce: Lord Templeman; Lord Brightman; Field Marshal Lord Bramall; Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley; Baroness Thatcher; Lady Mackey of Chashfern; Lady Eames, Lord Justice Peter Gibson; Sir Michael Column Br; Sir Denis Thatcher Br; General Sir Martin Furndale; Sir Bryan Carledge; Sir Peter Crift Sir Irvine Gouding; Sir Roger Baroliste; Sir Authory Caro; Sir David Lees; Lady Stanghton; Mr David Rac Smith; Mrs Joyce Rose; Mr Ian Watt, Mr Deanis Sille; Mr Conrad Dethn QC; Mr Michael Sherrard QC; Mrs Rachel Nugee; Mrs Barbara Paul Robinson; Mr Edward Deater, Mr Michael Melhish; Mr Richard Morgan; Mr John Nugfe; Mr Andrew Nugfe; Brigadier Peter Little.

Royal College of Pathologists

The Annual Meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists was held yesterday at the Royal College of Sur-geons, London WC2, and Professor Daniel Catovsky delivered the Foun-dation Lecture. Professor Roderick MacSween, President of the College, and Mrs MacSween, were the hosts at the Annual Dinner held after-wards. Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg was the main speaker.

The Spanish Ambassador, Senor Don Alberto de Aza, presided at a dimer held by the Anglo-Spanish Society yesterday evening at the Royal Over-Seas League, London SWI. Sir Robert Wade-Gery, Chamman, re-

Anglo-Spanish Society

ceived the guests. Royal Society Professor John Rowlinson FRS, Physical Secretary of the Royal Society, chaired a Technology Lecture yesterday evening at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SWI. Dr Michael Bagshaw, Head of Aviation Medical Services at British Airways, delivered the lecture, entitled "The Human

Factor in Aviation: the weakest or the

Employer guilty over injury to contractor

House of Lords (Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Mustill, Lord Hoffmann) 14 November 1996

The activities of an independent contractor at an employer's site could form part of the conduct of the employer's undertaking, so as to render the employer liable to prosecution under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 for an injury to one of the

contractor's employees. The House of Lords disnissed an appeal by Associated Octel Co Ltd, and affirmed the decision of the Court of Appeal ([1995] ICR 281) dismissing Octel's appeal against conviction, at Chester Crown Court on 19 March 1993, for an offence under section 33(1)(a)

of the 1974 Act. By section 33(1)(a) it is an offence for an employer oot to discharge his duty, under section 3(1),

to conduct his undertaking in such a way as to custure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that persons not in his employment who may be affected thereby are not thereby exposed to risks to their health or safety. Octel operated a large

hemical plant at Ellesmere

Port. In June 1990, while the

LAW REPORT

21 November 1996 plant was shut down for annu-

al maintenance, a firm called Resin Glass Products Ltd (RGP) was engaged in repair-ing the lining of a tank. One of RGP's employees, Mr Cuth-bert, was cleaning the lining of the tank with acetone, a supply of which he had in an old paint bucket. The electric bulb by whose light he was working broke and ignited the flammable vapour from the acetone in the hucket, causing a flash fire in which Mr Cuthbert was

badly burned.

Like other contractors at Octel's plant, RGP's employees operated under a "permit to work" system. For every joh they had to fill in a form saying what they were going to do and obtain authorisation from Octel's engineers, who would consider what safety precautigns were needed.

To rebut the defence that prevention of the accident had not been "reasonably practicable", the Crown adduced evidence showing that the permit-to-work system had been operated in acperfunctory manner. Octel had supplied Mr Cuthbert with protective clothing and a face mask, but not a special air lamp or a closed container for the acetone or forced air extraction for the tank.

Octel submitted it had no case to answer because the injury to Mr Cuthbert was oot caused by the way in which Octel, as opposed to RGP, had conducted its undertaking. Control was essectial to liability under section 3(1) and Oclel had no right to control the way its independent contractors did their work

aymand Walker QC and Julian Waters (Hill Dickinson Davis Campbell, Liverpool) for Octel; Hugh Carlisle QC and Ian Burnett (Treasury Solicitor) for the Crown.

Lord Hoffmann said Octel's argument was based on a confusion between two quite different concepts: an employer's vicarious liability for the tortious acts of another, and a duty imposed upon the employer himself.

Section 3 was oot concerned with vicarious liability. It imposed a duty oo the employer himself. That duty was defined by reference to a certain kind of activity, namely the conduct of his undertaking. Section 3 re-

quired him to do it io such a way as did not create risks to people's health and safety. If he engaged an independent con-tractor to do work which formed part of the conduct of his undertaking, he must stipulate for whatever conditions were needed to avoid those risks and were reasonably practicable. That was why Octel in-

sisted its contractors adhered to the permit-to-work system. The question was simply whether the activity in question could be described as part of the employer's undertaking. In most cases the answer would be obvious. Octel's undertaking was running a chemical plant. It was part of the conduct of that undertaking to have the

chlorine tank repaired. Whether the activity which had caused the risk amounted to part of the conduct by the employer of his undertaking must in each case be a question of fact, As such it should be left to the jury. It was not done so in this case. But, since on the undisputed facts a properly instructed jury could only have concluded that having the tank repaired was part of the conduct of Octel's undertaking, the

cooviction should be affirmed. Paul Magrath, Barrister

Yatham, m $(\alpha_{i}^{\mathrm{pol}})_{i=1}^{\mathrm{pol}}(\alpha_{i}^{\mathrm{pol}})$ is distance 111 and a spell Year over ng karamat $\mu_{\rm coll} = h_{\rm BS}$ م عليه بوم يق posity that $_{12,\ldots,10^{11},\ldots,10^{11}}$ i ni r K $\operatorname{production} M$ grand aptr post pow فتتاكبو مرزيي Contract H طنينات ويوني

THE IN

and make

spoketice I

plant of the

election 1

plante ha

on a cause

Constituent.

Limbon St

militaris or

have almor

president s

deal which

 $m \mapsto \{\alpha_i(x)\}$

ge Lada i

egiver in the L

1587-126

Publi decid pay fe reconstruction now a de que the only we

Aprile david

To a sterior at non-triange reconsidera de a same th section of the per a terror pr eras and th $\frac{4\mu \cos s \partial \cos \theta}{\sin s \partial \theta} = 0.00$

are adough \$3,24-47.

Sections. In the second Light Committee The particle Miles of Assess $m_0(k) \leq g_0(\epsilon)$ travers at 10 provide the 194 1 1969 men consult adams of the

Taux area a hara or dear $g(w,m_1,m_2,m_3)$ additional me hospital copyr وتشريد ولنما الإليا նահագույն չ down at a conreduce to the 90 ա առի բար S IPAL SIX

Assembly, granionalis i defeate who to after charles the s der bewhalt, Path alovan Pay 5 a Innagency H_{CG} ...

New vic Nigeria the Harthana

Arich Towns $\operatorname{andy} = \operatorname{cd}(\mathcal{H})$ the trials one t $\mathrm{Pro}_{\mathbf{w}_{A}(\mathbf{g}),\,\mathbf{u}_{A}(\mathbf{x})}$ business days independ a $A_{\rm Rec, there}$

 $\mathfrak{m}(\{p_{i,1},p_{i,2}\},\ldots)$ top publishers North Cart And Water Dogs. Konsess Whitehart Long mannan dan d vunn Su Harrant

 $q_{\rm Reg}|_{\rm total}=\{\omega_{\rm A}$ "Vidence de V. $h_{m}=1_{m_{\mathrm{con}}}$ ting transference North to page ch mass mark an taging prog appendant som

Theimore been the tunie. $w \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n}$ they and every

William Toronto

A sick Russia is dangerous for us all

our months after Boris Yeltsin's intrigue against each other. The re-election, Russia presents a consequences for efficient government disturbing picture of political paralysis, economic mismanagement and increasing social disorder and violence. The fresh boost to the reform process that Mr Yeltsin's decisive election victory was supposed to provide has yet to materialise. In fact, on a range of fronts, from the chaotic condition of the armed forces to random street crime and the plight of millions of unpaid workers, matters have almost certainly grown worse.

The problems hegan with the president's prolonged absence from his desk, which culminated two weeks ago in a quintuple heart bypass operation. It no doubt came as a relief to western governments to learn yesterday that Mr Yeltsin, in his first interview since the operation, had declared himself fighting fit and ready to resume work after a spell in his favourite sanatorium. Yet even those who most fervently welcomed Mr Yeltsin's victory in July over his Communist challenger, Gennady Zyuganov, must wonder how badly the president's illness has disrupted the course of Russian reform.

Under Russia's constitution, tailormade for Mr Yeltsin after he crushed an armed uprising in Moscow in October 1993, power is concentrated to an extraordinary degree in the president's hands. If he is incapacitated, his Yeltsin prepared to go under the subordinates are inevitably tempted to surgeon's knife, problems for the

are predictably debilitating.

Before his re-election, Mr Veltsin aggravated this inherent weakness of his presidential system by bringing the ambitious Alexander Lebed into his administration. A torrid struggle quickly ensued between the retired general and a faction led by the president's chief of staff, Anatoly Chubais. It took almost four months for Mr Chubais to drum General Lebed out of office, a time that should have been devoted to pressing issues such as tax reform and purging Russian business life of corruption and crime.

Yet no sooner had Mr Chubais dealt with General Lebed than he injected a

quite unnecessary controversy into Russian politics by appointing Boris Berezovsky, a financial and media tycoon who bankrolled Mr Yeltsin's reelection campaign, as deputy secretary of the influential Security Council. Mr Berezovsky had no obvious qualifications for this sensitive position. All that Mr Chubais achieved was to reinforce the Russian parliament's determination to obstruct the Yeltsin administration's policies, and to confirm the impression among the Russian public that government under

Mr Yeltsin equals government by cabal.
While Mr Chubais schemed and Mr



ONE CANADA SQUARE CANARY WHARF LONDON E14 5DL TELEPHONE 0171-293 2000 / 0171-345 2000 FAX 0171-293 2435 / 0171-845 2435

January that Russia would plunge into a budgetary crisis later in the year unless the government took decisive action against corporate tax evasion. Some of Russia's largest, newly privatised companies contribute only trivial amounts of tax revenue to the state, and this is one reason for the delays, sometimes lasting several months, that millions of public-sector workers (not to mention soldiers) endure before they receive their wages.

Yet it was not until last month that the administration set up an emergency tax

Russian economy were rapidly commission to tackle the problem. The mounting. It had been known since commission, which unfortunately bears commission, which unfortunately bears the same initials in Russian as Lenin's infamous Cheka political police, is already said to be cracking down hard on tax-dodgers. Yet the measure came too late for the International Monetary Fund, which was compelled to suspend the latest \$340m (£205m) tranche of its three-year, \$10.2bn loan for Russia on the grounds that the government was breaking the terms of the agreement signed last February. The loan is vital to Russia's market reforms because, if properly used, it will guarantee

facilitate Russian access to world capital markets and encourage foreign investment. No doubt the IMF will eventually release the money. Yet it is a measure of the confusion inside Mr Yeltsin's administration that his handpicked officials allowed the crisis to blow up in the first place.

The same criticism applies to the administration's treatment of military reform. Both General Lebed and Igor Rodionov, the man whom he selected as defence minister, have warned that the armed forces are on the brink of a catastrophe unless emergency measures are taken. For the moment, this means mainly payment of overdue wages and restoration of discipline in disintegrating units where soldiers either fail to report for service or steal weapons for sale on the black market.

The problems may soon go much deeper. According to a recent CIA report, the control of the government and military leadership over Russia's thousands of nuclear weapons is weakening. Add to this such startling events as the crash last weekend of Russia's \$300m Mars probe, and the killing of 68 people in an explosion at a military base in the southern republic of Dagestan, and the impression of chaos in Russia grows stronger.

Far from hailing Mr Yeltsin's apparent return to health as a sign that all will soon be well, the West should understand that matters could easily get worse before they improve. Yet in certain fields, such as modernising tax administration and strengthening control over nuclear weapons, the West can and should offer quick and practical help. True, the West will never have more than a limited influence over events in Russia. But that is no excuse for turning into passive spectators of disorder, or for behaving like naïve cheer-leaders of poorly executed reform. We, and our political leaders, should worry about Russia.

The family that never went away

Divorce accelerates. So does the number of children brought up by lone mothers. The world bewails the collapse of moral standards. Then one of the most reliable annual surveys - the British Social Attitudes survey - finds that our sense of family is still intensely strong. Who do we turn to? Parents, uncles, aunts. Who do we care for? Siblings, children, grandparents. Does this surprise anyone? Of course, families come in many forms, some tight as a prison cell, some anarchically extended But all of us, to some extent, live in them and through them. Funny, isn't it, when surveys tell you what you already know, but weren't supposed to think?

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Public must decide how to pay for NHS

Sir. The letter from Dr Brighouse (18 November) about the rationing now widespread in the NHS and the supposed development of a two-tier system to the disadvantage of patients of non-fundholding GPs does not address the true problem.

of neighbouring fundholding practices we have had to instruct our local hospitals to stop all non-urgent admissions. The reason is clear from the following figures, comparing the number of . . . procedures purchased by our practice of 11,000 patients last financial year and in the first six

Carried out, 1995-96 In budget, 1996-67

0.4

The problem is that the drive to efficiency which the internal market aims to achieve has bappened. The hospitals can now process more patients than ever before. Unfortunately there is no

There are only two possible solutions: for the Government, any government, to find realistic additional money to allow the bospitals operate at maximum capacity and reduce waiting lists; or for hospitals to temporarily downsize, or even, heaven forbid,

capacity. I see no evidence either locally or nationally of a proper costed debate which allows those most affected, the general public, to decide which of these alternative paths they wish to choose and to DI JOHN GRACE

New victims of

trials as an observer on behalf of Article 19 published my detailed analyses of the flagrant injustice of the trials, the paucity of the prosecution evidence and the breathtaking dishonesty of the

and perturbed to read the articles you published in which Richard North ("Can you be sure of Ken Saro-Wiwa?", 8 November) and Donu Kogbara ("Ken Saro-Wiwa was never a saint", 12 November) insinuated that Saro-Wiwa was

Sir, these articles challenge two questions. First, what reliable evidence do North and Kogbara have? There was never any impartial investigation by the Nigerian authorities of the circumstances of the killings of the four Ogoni chiefs. There was never any fair or proper trial. No right of

uppeal was allowed.

The two men who were to have been the principal witnesses against Saro-Wiwa alleged that they and most of the other witnesses for the prosecution had

In-patient procedures Carried out, 1995-96 In budget, 1996-67 251 Carried out, April-Sept 1996 141

Carried out, April-Sept 1996 379

180

money available to pay for all this additional work.

reduce the number of hospitals to fit in with required and affordable

Nigerian 'justice'

Sir. Last year I attended the Ogoni the Bar Human Rights Committee and the Law Society. Subsequently judements.

I was therefore both intrigued

In common with a large number

Day-case procedures

been bribed to give false evidence. This was never investigated. Furthermore the continuing military occupation of Ogoniland and widespread corruption make it very difficult to be sure that anyone

claiming to be a witness for either side is truthful. Secondly, wby the emphasis on Saro-Wiwa? What about the eight other defendants executed along with him? North and Kogbara make the same error that they attribute to the supporters of Saro-Wiwa. Eulogy or criticism of just one famous man is beside the point: nine people were brutally.

executed after an unfair trial at

which no one ought to have been

convicted. Finally, both articles, in concentrating on one charismatic figure, ignore a matter of much greater current concern. There are 19 other Ogonis who have been in custody for well over a year. They face trial by the same tribunal which unjustly convicted the nine already executed, on the same charges and on the same evidence. None of them is a famous writer

and environmentalist. All are in

MICHAEL BIRNBAUM OC.

Tax turn-up

peril of their lives.

London WC2

Sir: So the Tories have started their scare stories about Labour putting taxes up. In 1992 they said if I voted Labour my taxes would go up, and it was true. I voted Labour, and since then my taxes have gone up . 22 times.

PAULRICHARDS Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate for Billericay

Why crime fell in New York

Sir: Your piece about crime in New York ("City Father v the Godfathers", 19 November) perpetuates several myths about my former home.

First, its fall in crime in general and homicide in particular is not the personal handiwork of Mayor Giuliani. William Bratton was sacked as Giuliani's Police Commissioner because he gained too much credit for the zero tolerance of "quality of life" offences. Bratton had already used this approach with great succes as head of the subway police in New York, and in Boston. But US and British criminologists do not accept either man's claim that this fully accounts for the fall in New York

New York's experience is not unique. In fact, some 125 American cities have seen dramatic falls in homicide. Several others, such as Minneapolis, have seen an increase Policing styles vary widely.

Nor was New York the most dangerous place in America. For years it has languished well behind many other cities such as Houston, Detroit and Chicago.

What is welcome is the long overdue recognition by American and British police that "quality of life" offences deserve their attention at least as much as more exciting but far less common violent crimes which drive public fear. Most criminologists agree the high number of US homicides is the result of easy access to

handgums. They admire the British government's willingness to ban them, and will be dismayed they have not followed their own logic and banned them altogether. ROGER GRAEF London W9

Oxford welcomed gift from Flick

Sir: Even by the standards of the press coverage of the controversy over the Flick Chair of European Thought at Oxford, James Archer's letter (19 November) sets a high level of inaccuracy.

He says the university's ethics committee was against accepting Dr Flick's generous benefaction. It was not, nor did the university ever seek to repndiate it.

He then says that the Chair of European Thought would have promoted understanding between European cultures. As holder of the Chair, now re-endowed by a new henefactor, I find this gratifying, but why the use of the past conditional?

The Flick case, in which I concurred with the university's decision to accept the money and was grateful for it, and the Said case, in which, on the terms the donor seeks to exact, I do not, are in no way comparable and Mr Archer does a disservice to clear thinking about either by giving currency to his self-made muddle.

J W BURROW Professor of European Thought University of Oxford

Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk).

E-mail correspondents are asked to give a postal address. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Our vouchers did expand nurseries

Sir: Margaret Hodge's letter (18 November) suggests that the nursery education voucher scheme

has not created new places. The Government has never claimed that the voucher scheme would provide all the places needed for four-year-olds overnight. But a sound start has been made in just one term. Figures from a survey undertaken by Norfolk County Council show, in the private and voluntary sector. alone, 285 new places for four-year-olds with vouchers, and 1,300 children taking advantage of more sessions each week. Good news indeed for those children and their parents. I would be fascinated to know what Margaret Hodge

In the state sector, Norfolk County Council has created 1,300 new nursery places. Of these, some 600 are attributed by the council to the voucher scheme. Norfolk, and the three other phase one LEAs, were given modest additional borrowing permission in 1996-97 because the Private Finance Initiative - which we expect to be a significant source of capital in 1997-98 and onwards – was not

considers created those extra

sessions if it was not nursery

sufficiently developed at the time. Schools tend to recruit into nursery and reception classes in the antumn term. It is no surprise, therefore, that the proportion of children in state schools has

probably increased. It happens every year, as Margaret Hodge sbould know, with the voluntary sector picking up increased numbers in the spring and summer

ROBIN SQUIRE MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of Department for Education and London SWI

The Abbess and the Snark

Sir: The Abbess Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) began to have those visions which so impressed and influenced her contemporaries at the age of 42; and, at the other end of the spectrum. Lewis Carroll wrote in The Hunting of the Snark: He had forty-two boxes, all carefully packed.

But since he omitted to mention the They were all left behind on the beach. JERÉMY BARKER KATHERINE BARKER

With his name painted clearly on each:

About that euro

Dorset

Sir: Now that all the major parties bave decided to bold a referendum if they decide in government to recommend that the UK should join the European single currency, which will be the first to announce that a referendum will be held if they decide to recommend against

GORDON MACINTYRE

War dead who reject the silence

Sir: James Seymour's unease about a permanent two-minute silence on Armistice Day (letter, 15 November) may well be shared by millions, including - in absentia -many of those who died.

On my way to this country in 1943 with several hundred other trained aircrew, a dozen or so of us used to meet in one of the troopship's lifeboats after lunch, to play cards and discuss various matters. One was whether or not we wished our whole nation to come to a stop for two minutes each year on the date the previous war had ended, in order to remember those of us who would not survive the present one.

One person was wholly in favour of the two-minutes' silence. The rest of us came to the consensus that it might be all right for a decade or two after the war, if most people wished it, but that we would all much prefer that the survivors and their relatives devoted at least some of their time each year to a concerted effort in trying to understand wby wars broke out. and in what way they could be prevented - a positive outlook.

As one of the very few survivors of our little group, I feel I would be dishonouring the memory of those who "got the chop" if I were now to support the very thing they did not want. It gave me an unpleasant feeling when I saw on television a British policeman compulsorily hold up a line of traffic for this year's two-minute silence. The regimented nature of the twominute silence at this late date reminds me a bit too much of the kind of regimentation that we were all fighting against, though I quite understand the noble thought LEN CLARKE Uxbridge, Middlesex

Sir: Britain may well be obsessed with the past, and nostalgie compared with countries overseas. particularly about the Second World War (letter, 18 November).

The point about the two-minute silence, however, is not merely to continue some rose-unted tradition, but to remember those who died not only in that war, but in conflicts all over the world. Thronghout Europe, extreme right-wing groups who share Nazi ideals still proliferate and have widespread support. The tragedy of the Bosnian conflict, which echoed so many of the horrors of the Second World War, made it clear that the world has learnt very little in the past 52 years, and two minutes of reflection a year is therefore still terribly relevant. It is a small but significant gesture, and should not be dismissed. MAJA PAWINSKA Croydon, Surrey

Spare an iron

Sir. Quite by chance I discovered the seemingly little-known fact that 1p and 2p British coins, minted in 1992 and after, are magnetic, whereas those minted earlier are not. Presumably the latter were of a copper alloy whilst the magnetic ones contain a fair proportion of

Iron is rather cheaper than copper, so the currency is, in a sense, debased. Beggars should ask folk to spare an iron, rather than a copper. And why the fuss about a single European currency, when our own is not what it used to be? DI JAMES HUTCHISON Birmingham

PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL REIL

went

Stai

first

mei mei

deci

hac can

The crofters of Eigg have been told that the Lottery will help them to buy their island - if they quickly raise the rest of the £2m price. Maxwell MacLeod has been keeping a diary of the last seven days of their campaign



The Eiggrace is on

Eigg are attempting to buy their Hebridean island from their laird, a German artist who has chosen to call himself Maruma after raised after the 44-year-old imagining that he saw the name artist requested that the cowwritten in a puddle of water pats on the island's beach he outside a Stuttgart nightclub. Herr Maruma purchased the island for £1.6m in April 1995

from the car dealer Keith he was going to finance his Schellenberg, whose relation-ship with members of the island community became so strained that on the day of his departure he requested police protection. Maruma, who styles himself professor, told the press that he imagined that it would take an investment of around £15m to turn the island into "his dream concept" of an eeologically responsible, economically sustainable centre of Green tourism, and he quickly convinced the islanders that he was anxious to work with them, that he hoped to turn the

itive force for creative change. The amiable German was initially listened to with enthu-

siasm by the hattle-weary islanders, but suspicions were swept away as he found them unsightly, and failed to give the islanders any Indication of how

Three months ago, the artist, who had initially announced that he intended to be resident on the island but has so far only Shortly after the purchase, Mr been there for four out of his 600 days of ownership, put Eigg back on the market. The islanders launched an appeal, in partnership with the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the local authority, to huy it from him.

The islanders' husiness plan, which has evolved slowly and democratically over the past year, is to run the island through a trust whose trustees will comprise four democrat-

OR get £3,500 increased

contents cover at Christmas

-automatically.

Interested? Call

members of the local authority and two from the conservation body. If they are successful, this may lead the way for other community buyonts throughout the Highlands and Islands, providing a new pattern for wildland management.

Wednesday 13 November: Crofter Maggie Pyffe's house is one of the warmest and happiest homes that I know. However, it has no mains electricity. mains water, rubbish collection or adequate television reception, and the water is heated by a wood-hurning stove. The previous laird said that he liked the island to have that "slightly rundown Heb-ridean feel", a sentiment that Maggie says he would quickly have been disabused of had he ever had to spent a winter on the island living in a swaying caravan and trying to get by on a small Giro cheque.

The island has no proper village hall, pier, shop or tea

he 63 inhabitants of energy of their anger into a pos- ically elected islanders, two room, and the small wind generator that heats the schoolroom is forever breaking down. Things may change, however, because the islanders have

> appeals co-ordinator. Maggie, who is in her early thirties but looks much younger, says that she seldom gets much mail apart from "odd crappy clothes catalogues that she doesn't want in the first place".

> Today, though, she has received 380 letters containing £30,000 of Today, Maggie's team of appeal volunteers consists of:

Scruff the lobster fisherman. whose job it is to open the mail: Tasha, her daughter, home from her job as a waitress in a pancake bar in Edinburgh to "crack other eiggs", the com-puter whiz who also fields Internet contributions; and Davie the crofter, whose hands are red raw after a day collecting whelks in freezing conditions.

Once sorted by the first team of volunteers, they will scatter by tractor, van, hicycle or on foot to take the precious letters to six other houses where a new team will take over processing the letters and cheques into the island's six home computers and answering them.

Five hours after the 300 letters have arrived, they have all been opened, answered and processed. This, then, is the community that a former laird once described as "dangerous".

How right he was.

great hopes for upgrading the island if they manage to buy it, and Maggie is the island's Thursday 14 November: Today Scroff is sitting at home in his caravan as it is too stormy to go to sea. Even though there are at least a dozen empty houses on the island, there are none for him to let on the long-term, although he hopes to move into a newly built housing asso-

ciation cottage soon.

Almost all incomers to the island have spent time living in donations. By the end of this caravans. It is estimated that week she and her team will have 400 people are living in caraprocessed more than 900 let-ters, containing £108,000. vans in neighbouring Skye, and many leave the Highlands and Islands in despair after their first winter in a caravan.

To fill in the time, Scruff is tearing the used stamps off today's batch of letters to sell them in aid of the appeal. He will get 7p a hundred. Last year, bachelor Scruff received considerable coverage in the tabloid press after advertising in his local newspaper for a wife who could "cook, sew, mend lobster creeks and who ideally should own a small fishing boat with a low insurance". He asked all respondents to send a photograph. Of the boat. Scruff's latest girlfriend is now thinking of having a T-shirt printed with the words "I Didn't Apply to

Friday 15 November: Over in Cleardale, the crofter Angus
McKinnon is having his first
her husband, is seldom at home
as he is so busy working his 1,000

that Advertisement.'

dram of the evening. He is a ewes and attending to duties delightful man, intelligent and erudite, and he is the 12th generation to live in this lovely lace. His land, to him, is as

important as any of his limbs. Like several of the older generation of islanders, Angus has been worrying more than a little about what life would be like if the islanders manage to huy the Island. He is used to a system in which the laird would take a good deal of the deci-sions that would affect his life. Like many, he thinks that in an ideal world it would be wonderful if Eigg was purchased by a benevolent multi-millionaire who would pour in money and make intelligent decisions on

"But there comes a time when you have to decide," he says, "and I have decided that this is like a war, and when you are in a war you have to go for it with absolute conviction or you are never going to achieve anything." Angus is behind this move with all his heart and soul although he can't deny that he has his worries.

how it was spent.

Saturday 16 November: Over in Kildonan Farm, the Carr family are watching the progress of the appeal with considerable interest. They have five children, all still being educated, and money is tight. Marie is a fifth-generation islander who gets up at six each morning to make the bread for her guesthouse, while Colin,

such as the school run, the Calor gas supply service and being the local volunteer constable.

After a protracted legal battle, the Carrs have been unable to get a lease on their farm for the seven years they have worked it. They say that they are exhausted and bored of promising themselves that next year will surely be better.

A few weeks ago, the family's 11-year-old daughter, Amy, received a late-night phone call saying that Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, would be dropping in by helicopter at seven in the morning to discuss mother already asleep in bed and father away visiting friends on the other side of the island, Amy thought that the best plan would be to leave a note beside her parents' bed telling them that some man called Michael Forsyth would be dropping in for breakfast.

Colin's observations on reading the note when he returned at two in the morning are not recorded, but are believed to have involved both religion and biology. The meeting was a great success.

Sunday 17 November: Crofter Davie Robertson is, in his own words, a "man of strong opinions". A nationalist to the core, his family were crofters before they moved to a difficult part of Glasgow. He has returned to farm and learn Gaelic.

Today he tells me that he has

left over".

in evaluating every field, house and proposed business ven-ture. His opinion of the islanders' plan is straightforward: "I not only think that the islanders can run the place butter than any other landowner would. I know it as fact. They are well-disciplined, extremely intelligent, know the land and its problems better than anyone else, and are prepared to work for what would be seen on the mainland as low wages in order to achieve what I believe to be a just cause."

had "a great summer" working

as a labourer and has achieved his three targets, "a new van, a holiday for the kids and money

Davie says he is an ardent

supporter of the buyout pro-

posals, because the Gaelic will

not be saved by television pro-

grammes or consultants or grants, it's too far gone. He says

that the only hope for the Gaels is to do what they have been asking people to do for 20th years: give them back their land.

Tuesday 19 November: Daniel Morgan of Edinburgh Univer-

sity is doing his PhD on what has been happening on the Island of Eigg. For two and a half years he has been involved

Wednesday 20 November: It's two o'clock in the nfternoon, and Maggie has answered the phone with a trembling hand for the 300th time today. Most of the calls are from the world's press, asking her what's happening, but the only person she. wants to speak to is the man from the Lottery board.

Eventually, the call comes, Shnking with emotion, she turns to the TV and radio crews and to Scruff and to Tasha and to Davie and to half the world and his wife who seem somehow to have crammed themselves into her front room. It looks like we've done it. A moment later, she turns back to go into her office for a few sec-

onds alone. It has been a long, hard struggle lasting for many, many years, and there's been too many committee meetings to count. But they are not home yet. The people of Eigg have a little over a week left to raise as their predicament. With her much funds from public subscription as they can before

they make their hid. If they do achieve their objective of huying the island, they know that they will be in for several years of negotiations among themselves as to how the island's many resources can be utilised. They don't want to run a commune, and current negotiations suggest that they will be leasing off certain businesses on the island to different independent people or

But what will happen if they don't manage to buy the island next week? What will happen if another Maruma or Keith Schellenberg decides that they want to own a little empire for a couple of million?

Maggie shrugs at the ques-tion. "We'll just do our best and keep on fighting for a better life. It's our only option."

Homer took the pith, and Jesus put it back Rome together, and they



Miles **Kington**

can't tell stories," women often say to me. "In fact, I can't even remember them."

That, in a nutshell, is why women's conversation is often so much better than men's. They are not telling stories. Nor are they telling them badly, as so many men do. Still, it seems hopeless to try to stop men telling stories, so perhaps we ought to try to teach them to tell

With this in mind, I have pleasure in bringing you the text of this year'a Jonathan Miller Memorial Lecture, which was given last month

by Professor Justin Apocrypha, head of the Anecdote Department IIt Milton Keynes University, "Storytelling: A Historical Overview".

"Once upon a time the storyteller was an honoured member of the community. A poet, a minstrel, a troubadour, a bard! Songs were stories, and stories were songs, and when the bard struck his lyre, he was teiling the tribe their own stories, their own myths and

Cries of "Get to the point, you old gas-bag!" and "Fast forward, somebody!"

"But today we have only a shrunken remnant of that great tradition. When an after-dinner speaker gets up and says, 'In this connection I am reminded of the story of the man who goes into a chemist's shop with a banana in both ears', is it possible to believe that this is the art of storytelling at its finest? Is this how the Latins and Greeks conversed? Did Roman storytellers get up

after dinner and say: There was once a Nubian, a Carthaginian and an Etruscan travelling to

were stranded far from anywhere when night fell, so they made for the nearest farm, where a farmer lived with his daughter ... "Do you think that is how

stories started in the old "How wrong can you be!
"In the old days people

had stomach for longer stories. Think of the Iliad. Think of the Odyssey!" Cries of 'Yes, yes! We are thinking of it! What do we do next?"

"Do you think that Homer

cleared his throat after dinner and shyly said: 'In this connection I am reminded of the incident of the Trojan Wars', and then launch into a 10-hour saga? Of course be didn't! He told long stories and people expected it. Do you think the Old Testament prophets told snappy little stories? Of course not! They had mighty attention spans in those days. A storyteller would clear his throat and say, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and

long session. The man who dragged storytelling into the modern era was none other than

you'd know you were in for a

Jesus. Jesus had lots of good New Christianity, you might say - and they were oot all religious. "One of his best ideas was

to keep stories short. Parables, he called them. He got in quick and told them fast and got out again. No hanging around when Jesus told stories. Do you think that he cleared his throat and said, 'In this connection I am reminded of the story of the prodigal son' ...? Or

that he hogged the conversation by saying 'Do you know the one about the Good Samaritan? Oh, that's a great onel Anyway, there was this bloke, and he was going along the road when suddenly these thieves attacked him ... '? Of course not. Jesus was the first snappy storyteller of modern

"Even Shakespeare himself is not exempt from bad storytelling habits. Do you remember the hit at the eginning of Macbeth when they are anxiously awaiting news of the battle and a bleeding sergeant comes in from the hattlefield? 'How's the battle going? they ask. And what does he say? "Til tell you what he said.

Doubtful it stood As two spent swimmers that do cling together

And choke their art. The merciless Macdonald -Worthy 10 be a rebel, for 10 that The multiplying villainies of

Do swarm upon him - from the Western Isles Of kerns and galloglasses is

supplied ..."
Cries of "What's he on
about? Waiter, fetch a dictionary!"

"My point exactly! That is storytelling at its worst! Considering that the sergeant is bleeding to denth you'd think he'd get to the point a bit quicker, but oh no! He drags it out and makes a pig's car of it! All it needs to make the story even longer is for the bleeding sergeant's wife to interrupt and say, There were lots of gallogiasses, dear, but no kerns that I remember, because if anything can make a bad story worse, it is the interruption of a pedantie spouse. After all, none of the great storytellers was married! Homer, Jesus they all took good care never to be interrupted by a wife while telling a story ...

More of this fuscinating lecture some other time. I hope.

0800 333 800 Direct Phone for a free home insurance quote weekdays 8am - 8pm, Saturday 9am - 2pm We regret that we cannot quote for rented unfurn

EAGLE STAR

्यात् न विकासित

Jan Jan

 $\mu_{\rm He}(t) \approx 100$

great constitu

great treat

gran district

transfer of the bell

and the control of

personal days

do the that y

only forth with

december of the

haven't the view

Berra, Just 4

mala historia.

perhalf, use th

ser in other

parties at a

armir alls the

the bear than w

And you marsh

at the second section

ar with Chilli

encowhat th

Late Best and

Strategy IX

- Steen of B

Par harry la

5 10 A 6 d

and a country of

teribe to carry

teacher that I al

a county to

381 Lat.

In a track dis

Pray shak

carry plante

Many of the

But to just

Day boys

better ha

Copsession

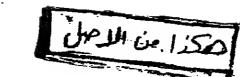
The names: the elector Adkerran C sline and subjects of nine above a that makes a firt 1922 Commuttee quovaling they su Marius Lova What will such a

was they play Rochester and C հարկանագուհ bad feeth drabt usnesses take t քիչ հայկիս հոդ, Պատեւ Մայվ դե mon or the Br Mayudian' Bu

government lost all luccomage The ray of the ^{अत्रा}ः अवादः अती Path Charkly in a formulable pen whot a soldier it average for has Ston of his orner շերդիալ 11, the Whips' rough of one tome after more samply as David Market

ու «_{Մել} «հայտվ_ու proclamical that acopin He a winder Industria այր նվեր ընթե Thus, progra House of Country and promotivity

Community deal Taza 'd Ott black as a comհոլուտորդությե Shoes and dripe not a mandan avadeer lan tan person at the ters His old as The second p



the commentators

A tax-and-spend election fight doesn't add up

he tension in the air at Labour's press conference yesterday afternoon was palpable. William Waldegrave's attempt to cost Labour's programme marked, unmistakeahly, the beginning of the end of the phoney war. So far, so good. But are we any wiser?

The second secon

٠٠٠٠ الدولور

and the second

Wild See

Tomorra in

Chod of 3

marking.

 $\mathcal{P}_{n} = \operatorname{track}_{\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{z}_{n}}}$

Surviva Re

er in the manage

E Link of the Control

the star

1 21 W.T.

100

e villament e e

20 November !

0.00

3.3.1.15

10 A

1.5

 $(1,1]_{1\leq n\leq N}$

 $\mathcal{F} = \sqrt{n}$

11/10/20

Contracts

0.12

1 1 3 4

1.016.8

en.

Conservative costing opera-tions in 1986 and 1991 inflicted real damage on Labour, and in doing so, they helped to change the terms of the debate. If you think Labour has been right to ditch its past tax-and-spending addiction, then it follows that the Tories have already performed a democratic, perhaps even constitutional service. They have helped to save Labour from itself.

That is precisely why it is more difficult to make the charges stick this time. In 1992, Lahour had two cast-iron spending commitments: to restore child benefit and oldage pensions to their 1979 levels. În 1996, it isn't like that.

Many of the biggest of the supposed promises in the Tory dossier don't figure at all in Labour's policy document New Life for Britain. And Gordon Brown re-emphasised yesterday that that was the one and only holy writ. Indeed, one side-effect of the Waldegrave document may well be to strengthen Brown's hand in forcing his colleagues to get real. I suspect that several shadow ministers will read Brown's hrutal rejection of specific Tory claims about their spending plans with some dis-

may. It is true, too, that Brown has repeated again and again that increases in spending will be met from existing resources. And nobody in the Shadow Cabinet has been brave enough to challenge that. What's more, Brown shows every sign of meaning it.

To which the sharp young Tory backroom boys have an answer. OK, they say, it's heads we win, tails they lose. Maybe we can't whip up the fear that we did before the last election. And yes, maybe, given our own pretty formidable record of putting up taxes since 1992, we aren't going to be able to say, as Michael Heseltine did last time, that the election will be about three issues: tax; tax; and tax. But if the answer is that these aren't commitments at all, as Brown says, then what on earth have all these: around the country telling appreciative audiences what they want to hear? It plays (the Tories will say) right into our theme of Labour hypocrisy. If Labour isn't spendthrift any

more, then it is two-faced instead.

The Torics have a point. It is all very well saying, as Brown did yesterday, that all statements not featured in New Life for Britain - including those of Tony Blair - are not party commitments. But then what are they for? If Andrew Smith, former Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, says to the Labour Party conference that Labour will be announcing new ini-



Donald Macinture

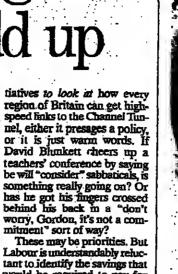
Labour won't put its. spending policies on the table until after the vote. while the

Tories' claims are highly creative

> real world, Labour's minimum wage probably won't be high enough to include most publicsector workers. But in the virtual world of electioneering, Labour dare not say so. And the Tories can say what they like.

Treasury adviser who invented, with spectacular success before the 1987 and 1992 elections, the modern Tory costing of Labour's programme thinks so. In a pamphilet for the Social Market Foundation, Andrew Tyrie suggests an independent fiscal policy committee which -would consider both government and opposition tax and spending plans before elections

well expose an unmentionable truth: that two parties on tax and spending. It would certainly take a lot of steam out of the inter-party conflict on the issue and leave them looking for other things to talk about. The electorate cuss in private: should we tax child benefit? Would green taxes be sensible? Do we need



Labour is understandably reluctant to identify the savings that would be required to pay for them. So they can't be policies, at least until after the election. The result is an almost surrealistically bleak series of Nyets from Brown: £51m on the disabled? Another Tory lie: the disabled rights Bill will "involve" the merging of existing £500,000

budgets. Vesterday's Tory document certainly makes some spectac-ularly creative claims. The only hard evidence for saying that Labour is going to increase spending on community care (would that there was more, many voters will say) is a statement by Margaret Beckett made before Tony Blair even became leader. The Tory estimate for the cost of the national minimum wage of a tidy £3.7bm not only takes no account of potential savings in social security benefit but assumes that it will be introduced at 50 per cent of male earnings, or more than £4 per hour - and therefore that it will affect large

parts of the public sector. In the

Isn't there a better way? As it happens, the and pronounce on them.

The result of such a process in 1997 might might even be let in on some of the real choices that consenting political adults constantly disthe European Fighter Aircraft? And so on.

William Waldegrave spoke for the political classes yesterday, no doubt, when he said Tyrie's idea sounded "interesting" but that he doubted that it was "practical".



commonplace for householders of breeding, tone and general poshness to invite their friends to hear some young Hungarian dynamo play Chopin nocturnes and Liszt rhapsodies after supper. Readers of Joyce's story."The

Dead", from Dubliners, will remember the salon run by the music-loving sisters which seemed, even in 1914, a pretty moribund ritual. But the home concert never actually disappeared. In the past couple of years

I've been to a few classical soirées in Notting Hill, put on by friends of rarified (and expensive) taste, and appreciated the evening's air of slightly determined sophistication. But I've never enjoyed one so much as on Saturday night, The scene was Douglas

Hitchhiker's Guide Adams's splendiferous pad in Islington. A cross-section of A-list types is crammed into an upper room: George Martin, the veteran producer of all the Beatles albums; Terry Gilliam, the crazed visionary director; Melvyn Bragg and Mariella Frostrup and Angus Deayton and Ed Victor and Salman Rushdie and Geoffrey Robertson OC. and Kathy Lette and so forth.

There was also a large American in a check shirt, "Who's that?" I hissed "Don't you know anything?" came the reply. "Paul Allen, Microsoft billionaire." He turned out not to be the only one of this category present. Later I worked out that the combined wealth of the room was in 11 figures .

The guests piled into Adams's library and dived for the rugs. Great levellers, rugs: Lobbs hrogues fought for space with Armani'd bottoms.

started and nobody cared any longer. A guitarist called Rohbie McIntosh, looking like one of the more obvious villains in Cracker, played hlinding instrumentals with his band, the Polygenes, on bass and cello.

A handsome, fiftyish carnival barker from Southend, with slicked-back white hair and a scarlet waistcoat, turned out to be Gary Brooker, former voice and organ of Procul Harum. He sang a love song of staggering lewdness ("Shove me in your steaming vat/ Make me spit like chicken fat") and a moving ballad based on the late-night shipping forecast, with lyrics by D Adams ("Dogger, Fisher, German Bight/Help me make it through the night") before doing the whole of "A Whiter Shade of Pale" with abandoned verses

and all.

The star of the evening. though, was Margo Buchanan, a green-eyed chanteuse in a little black number, who smiles like Lulu. sings like Maria Muldaur and has a bit of a way with an audience. She has these terribly slender hands, you see, and when she extends her amazingly long fingers at moments of emphasis, you ... But I fear I'm straying from the essentially musicological nature of this critique.

She has always stayed a backing singer, she told me, because she never fancied wiggling her bottom on stage and getting tarted up like a Spice Girl; a back bar, a crush and a dirty hlues is more her line. She's prohably right, as you sit in the library at this

cool salon and watch this seven-piece line-up (joined by the Pink Floyd maestro. David Gilmour, doing one of his seraphic guitars) doing its stuff, looking around at Microsoft hillionaires and the

crowned heads of Media London hoogieing quietly together, you're convinced this must be what heaven - or at least a musicians' Valhalla - must sound like. Mr Richard Branson, whose new "grown-up" record label, V2. is launched next week, should sign them up without delay. "m rather taken with the behaviour of Bob Dornan,

the Republican congressman in Orange County, California, a man who, when it comes to presenting a stiff upper lip to the world in the face of misfortune, makes King Lear look like Douglas Bader. Four years ago, he greeted the challenge of a Democratic woman for his Congress seat by calling her and her supporters "lesbian spear-chuckers". Now he has been beaten in the Congress elections by another bloody woman, Loretta Sanchez, by a mere 765 votes.

Rather than just insult his hated rival, he simply refuses to go. "I will not concede." he said, "to an inarticulate, flaky, non-qualified person." Even If they declare Ms Sanchez the winner after counting all the out-of-town

Given this is a family newspaper, I will spare you the throbbing organs of the 77-year-old Ms Lessing

and immigrant votes, he ain't budging.
"It would be a travesty," he

opined, "to have someone who spent 22 years in the Air Force voted out of office by non-citizens."

lt's the magnificent irrelevance of his argument that's so striking. It's like Mike Atherton refusing to go after having his middle stump demolished ("I'm sorry, but it would be a shame to have someone who's spent years playing for his county cricket side being voted off the field by a non-batsman"). Next time 1 get a ticket I shall tell the traffic warden: "It's a rank injustice, warden, that someone who spent 25 years on public transport should ...

Brace yourselves, everyone, it's Bad Sex time once again. Auberon Waugh started up the Bad Sex Award four years ago, its purpose "to draw attention to crude, otiose or perfunctory use of sexual description in the contemporary novel, and to discourage it".

"It's not for mept pornography, you see, but for badly handled, if that's the word I'm after, irruptions of smut in otherwise 'literary' novels. The shortlist is published in the new issue of Waugh's Literary Review, out today, and a fine haul it is too.

AA Gill, hapless author of the year's most abused novel. Sap Rising, is in, hut he's among distinguished company: Salman Rushdie, Doris Lessing, JG Ballard, Ben Okri and Mexico's finest novelist, Carlos Fuentes, all feature as well.

Given this is a family newspaper, I will spare you the throbbing organs of the 77-year-old Ms Lessing, the vaginal aromas of ripe fruits" (Fuentes) and the "sweet gullies with their soft

underdown" (Ballard, and he's talking about armpits, actually), nor will I outrage your delicate sensibilities by lingering on what Mr David Huggins calls "my blob of Lo-Cal genetics".

1 will, however, offer you my favourite entry, this charming passage from The Horse Whisperer by Nicholas Evans, which at least seems to show a bit of respect for the business of sex.

"He pulled the faded quilt from the bed and opened the sheets and she laid herself down and watched him take off his boots and socks and then his jeans and shorts. And he felt no shame nor saw any in her, for why should they feel shame at what was not of their making but of some deeper force that stirred not just their bodies but their souls and knew naught of shame nor of any such construct?

Delightful. It's that word "naught" isn't it? (Maybe Mr Evans thought it had something to do with "naughty".) And as you're trying to shake off the mental picture of Mr Robert Redford (who is to play the HW in the movie) removing his shameless shorts, the thought strikes you: is he ever going to take his shirt off? Or his vest? Or his hat? Maybe there should be a sequel: The Clothes-Horse Whisperer ...

The party's over for top Tories

he names of Tory MPs who are retiring at the election reads as if a census had been L taken at Camelot. Twenty-eight knights of shire and suburb, 18 members of the Privy Council, nine also-rans and Steve Norris are to quit. That makes a total, so far, of 57 members of the 1922 Committee. A veteran or two will remain (providing they survive the election), including Sir Marcus Fox and Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith. What will such a purge do to the post-election

1 was first elected to Parliament as MP for Rochester and Chatham in October 1959. The Tory party was led by Harold Macmillan, whose had teeth, shabby cardigan and elegant deviousness set the tone for a five-year Parliament. His necktie bore the stripes of the Brigade of Guards. Until the 1930s there was a phrase common in the Brigade, "to be as brave as a Macmillan". But in the early Sixties, when his government lost popularity, he stood in need of

all his courage.
The run-of-the-mill lory MP had had "a good" war"; some still used their military rank. The party's hackbench defence committee attracted a formidable body of military men. Today, there is not a soldier in the party. Forty years ago, the average Tory had gone into politics as an extension of his sense of social obligation. He did not seek office. He was content to serve, either in the Whips' Office, which in those days consisted of one-time adjutants of good regiments, or,

more simply, as the party's ballast.
David Maxwell Pyfe (described by Macmillan as "the stupidest man I have ever met") once proclaimed that loyalty was the party's secret wenpon. He was to be proved disastrously wrong. In fact, and in recent years, disloyalty has come to be the Conservative Party's not-so-secret

I have prints taken from two pictures of the House of Commons. The first, painted in 1960, and presented to the Prime Minister by the 1922 Committee as a gesture of thanks for winning the 1959 election, shows the Tory benches as black as a convention of undertakers. The uniform worn was black trousers, hlack, hand-made shoes and striped jackets. Ties, when they were not of an instantly recognisable stripe, were of City silver. In my picture a confident Macmillan is seen at the despatch box, lord of all he surveys. The old actor manager was at his peak.
The second painting, done in the mid-Eight-

ies, shows a very different picture. The under-



Win or lose, the election will be the end of a famous era, writes Julian Critchley, lamenting the new Conservative class

it would owe more to Bacon than to Botticelli.

The new breed of Conservative combines something of Steve Norris, a little of Edwina Currie man with the biggest feet in England, Sir Teddy

takers have given way to birds, if not of paradise, then of prey. White handkerchiefs have become blue suits a lighter shade of pale; shoes, either hrown or grey. It is impossible to tell a Conservative MP from a Labour colleague.

Were a third picture to be painted circa 1996, it would owe more to Bacon than to Botticelli.

The resist breed of Conservative combines some.

Taylor and James Cran would, as one man, raise their tartered banner. Only Sir James Goldsmith

What will disappear with the election, whether or not the Tories win or lose, is idealism. The old One Nation Conservative will be in a small minority; the pro-Europeans, who wanted to build a New Europe with Britain enjoying a prominent place within it, will have retired to their Sunset Homes. We were the children of Hitler's war, we wanted to bring to an end the enmity between France and Germany which had been the cause of two catastrophic wars. We saw Europe as the only alternative to a steady political and economic decline. Not all of us were federalists (whatever that ill-used word might mean), hut we were intelligent patriots, never nationalists. We despised populism, and sought civil harmony.

One has only to glance at the list of names of those who will quit politics to see how grave a loss their departure will entail. Douglas Hurd, David Howell, Kenneth Baker, Paddy Mayhew and George Walden, all of whom have striven to keep the ship affoat. It is particularly sad that Richard Ryder, until recently the Chief Whip, is to abandon politics. He suffers from a bad back. His career could have been a glittering one. At least his successor, Keith Simpson, is an intelligent moderate. But Simpson is the exception to the rule.

The Euro-sceptics, that party within a party funded in part by Lady Thatcher, have recently made great play with the "fact" that the bulk of the new Tory candidates are against a common currency. I have not been privy to their researches, such as they are, but I fear that they

are probably correct. A hrief look at the names of those who will succeed fills me with gloom. Eric Forth will be returned for Chislehurst. Oliver Letwin, a clever right-winger, will, in all likelihood, take the place of Sir James Spicer. Were the Government to be returned with a large majority, the newcomers would make up a New Model Army. But such a victory is hardly likely: we would do well to scrape home. Defeat on any scale would leave a disenchanted rump of Tories that would look either to Portillo or Redwood as its new leader. and by so doing, condemn a great party to 20 years in the wilderness. Which, I can only conclude, would be the best place for it.

Sir Julian Critchley is the Conservative MP for Aldershot. He, too, is retiring at the election.



Thousands of refugees are facing yet more hardship as they return to Rwanda without food, water or shelter. Thousands more remain scattered throughout Zaire. All of these people still desperately need our help.

Clean water, food, medical supplies and shelter are desperately needed. Red Cross workers are well placed to provide this aid as soon as it arrives. Please phone now to give as much as you can. Just £25 could feed 35 refugees

Please call now with your credit card donation.

Or you can send a cheque or postal order with the coupon below.



British Red Cross Caring for people in crisis

I enclose a cheque/postal order (payable to British Red Cross) for □ £50* □ £50 □ £35 □ £25 Other £. Or please debit my Visa/Masterrard / Ames / Omers Club/Switch Card

No. Expir. /

Now phose send the coupen with your distatum. In THE CRISS IN CONTRAL AFRICA APPEAL SERTISM RED CROSS, ROOM 705, PREPOST, LONDON SWIX 788 "A donation of CTO or more is worth a third as much again through Gill Aid as we can reclaim the tax. Please ensure you complete your address details.

Please net, this box if you do not want to receive parther information on the Red Cross Tick the buy if you would like a recopt.

ir Hav

nat Li

eady t

nahoga

red U

nd son

dities.

-Tavelo

Эпсеи

Gold 1

Joyd's.

:Tally sx

rangui

Hud

hack

business & city

Clarke warned against tax cuts as economy surges ahead

Diane Coyle **Economics Editor**

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was advised against cutting income tax in his Budget next week after a batch of figures yesterday showed the economy romping ahead.

delighted ministers, hut makes the omist at City bank UBS. Government's tax and interest rate decisions increasingly delicate. A nerve to do what he should, and put tough Budget oo Tuesday offers the up personal taxes?" said Martin best bone for avoiding higher mortgage rates, but a reduction in income tax is seen as a political necessity.

Consumer confidence this month

has increased to its highest level for need for higher interest rates will bea decade. Retail sales continued on come much more urgent."

their strong upward trend in October after a dip the previous month. Mortgage lending jumped, new consumer loans returned to near-record levels, while total lending surged by more than £7bn during the month.

"The last thing the consumer needs is another shot in the arm from Good news about the economy has tax cuts," said Alex Garrard, an econ-

> "Will Kenoeth Clarke have the Weale, director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and one of the Chancellor's independent advisers. "If not, the

Many City analysts now believe Mr Clarke will have to raise base rates again before the likely election date to avoid a further damaging disagreement with the Bank of England.

The Governor will be pressing quite hard for another increase at the next meeting, and the Chancellor will

evidence of the strength of consumer spending. A further improvement in optimism about the state of the economy took overall consumer confidence to its highest since 1986, according to the regular GfK survey

The pick-up in confidence during the past year has been greatest for 16-29 year olds and for men. The balance of optimists over pessimists climbed into positive territory, at 1 per cent, compared with minus 10

per cent a year ago.
The rising tide of "feel-good" have to give way in December or January," said David Walton of investment hank Goldman Sachs.

Yesterday brought unmistakable

Tho hang the many that month's retail sales, which were up 0.4 per cent in volume terms after a 0.3 per cent fall im September. "Rising high street sales show that people bave cash to spend and the confidence to spend it," said Angela Knight, economic secretary to the Treasury.

Higher sales of clothing accounted gain, despite a record one-month retailers. However, footwear sales were flat after a big drop the previous month.

Another third was due to higher food sales, recovering from their weakness earlier in the year. Furniture and carpet sales accounted for most of the rest of the increase.

Total sales volumes were 4 per cent higher than a year earlier, their fastest growth for two years. The strongest components in year-onvear terms were clothing and household goods.

The housing market also contincent to £1.5bn during the month, their borrowing.

price increase pushed through by adjusting for seasonal variation. and were more than three times higher than the same month a year earlier. The number of new loans approved increased by a third year-

> The high street banks reported a 50 per cent increase in mortgage loans last month, although the level was only 5 per cent higher than a year earlier. The banks other consumer lending jumped to £507m, near the summer's record level.

Lending to companies increased too, according to the British Bankers' Association. Securities ued to thrive last mooth. New loans dealers repaid mooey but a broad for more than a third of the mooth's by building societies rose by 27 per range of other companies increased

"This may well reflect a recovery in capital spending," said Adam Cole, an economist at brokers James

No. 15 Carry

Bu

professional trade of

proceeding disease.

1. 10 . 15. 15 m 6 4 1

John W. Starley

more and pay-

Marie Bereit

Physical art

12 page for

 $H_{A_{1}A_{2}A_{3}A_{4}}H$

manda j

 $V^{(i,j)} = V^{(i,j)}$

 $\Phi_{M_{1},\ldots,M_{r}}$

 $a_{11}...,\ldots,a_{n,n}$

 $a+\omega_{1,d-p}$

C.Cz.15615

Total lending to the private sector, which also includes lending by foreign banks, doubled between September and October to 17, 4bn. There was a corresponding surge in M4, the broad measure of the money supply, whose annual growth rate climbed from 9.9 per cent to 10.3 per cent. The steady acceleration in broad mooey growth, although inflated last month by a somewhat higger than usual impact of gilts repo transactions, is sure to alarm the Bank of England.

Comment, page 23

National Power plans RECs supply venture

National Power, the country's higgest generator, is in negotiations with three regional electricity companies and a leading supermarket chain to create a combined electricity supply business when the market is opeoed to competition in 1998.

Keith Henry, chief executive of National Power, said he expected to sign an agreement by next spring. The deal could involve the geoerator taking a direct equity stake in the supply company or agreeing a long-term alliance to sell electricity to the venture.

Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry regulator, is expected to publish guidelines soon setting out his views on what role the generators should be allowed to play when the electricity supply market is liberalised.

PowerGen, the rival generator, is also talking to a number of Recs with a view to entering the supply market directly. Both National Power and PowerGen were blocked by the Goveroment from buying Recs earlier

But a deal with the supply

Mike Langley, ousted finance

director of hand-held computer

maker Psion, eased the pain of

his imminent redundancy yes-

terday by exercising options

over shares in his former em-

ployer worth £1.5m. He immediately cashed in stock worth

more than £800,000 and still re-

tains a stake in the company

with a value of a further £1.5m.

Mr Langley, who remains

husinesses of the Recs would from a US utility had cost the give both generators access oot company £57m. Of this, £52m just to regional electricity mar-kets hut all of Britain's 22 million domestic customers.

"We are talking to Recs that are both still independent and part of larger groups. We don't want to go charging into the re-tail electricity market on our own," Mr Henry said.

Britain's higgest energy users have called for a radical overhaul of the system for regulating the privatised gas and electricity in-dustries. The Energy Intensive Users Group, which represents big industrial consumers like coment, glass, steel, paper and chemical firms, told MPs that a Commons select committee should be set up to monitor the regulators. It also said customers should have an appeals mechanism to a competition commission.

talking to or the supermarket group. However, Safeway has been rumoured to be interested m a deal to sell electricity.

last year's attempted takeover

relates to the exceptional loss National Power has taken on the 8 per cent stake it bought in Southern Electric at the time of its bid. It paid 960p a share compared with Southero's price of 615.5p on 30 September. The remaining £5m relates to

fees charged by advisers, mainly

Separately, ICI, told the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee that Professor Stephen Littlechild at Offer and Clare Spottiswoode at Ofgas should be replaced by three-strong panels of regulators reporting to a "regulatory overlord" to prodoce more balanced decision-making and greater consistency.

£1.5m balm for ousted Psion boss

of Southern Electric and its de-feoce against a planned bid £194m.

with the company while a spe-

cific project is completed, is to

be replaced as bead of Psioo's

finance function after 11 years

Having guided Psion through

its 1988 flotation and seen the

company grow from a £4m

husiness to one worth more than

£300m, he will be replaced by his number two, Marina Wyatt,

a former Arthur Andersen ac-

Psion has been one of the

most dramatic stock market

at the computer group.

countant.

He declined to name the its bankers, Schroders, during Recs that National Power was the offer for Southern and the defence against a potential bid from the Southern Company of Atlanta, which was also blocked

by the Government. Mr Henry was speaking as
National Power disclosed that
National Power's profits for the balf-year ended September

success stories in recent years,

making sbare options awarded

more than three years ago ex-

On the back of the company's

successful Series 3A electronic

organiser, the shares have

soared from an equivalent of

under 29p in August 1993 to yes-

Mr Langley exercised op-tions over 330,669 shares at

prices ranging from 24.7p to 59p for a total outlay of £141,202.

At yesterday's closing price

terday's close of 451.5p.

tremely valuable.

also down marginally at £251m owing to a decline in National Power's market share from 30 to 27 per cent following the £1.7bo sale of 4,000 megawatts of plant to the Hanson-owned Eastern Group, Its first half in 1995 also included an extra

week's trading.
The decline in UK profits was offset by a jump in overseas earnings from from £6m to £23m. The company is fore-casting that its international businesses will contribute £70m in post-tax profits for the full year and £145m in 1997-98.

National Power has so far invested £900m in generating projects in Australia, Pakistan, the US, Turkey and China and is prepared to spend at least £800m more on a big overseas acquisition if the right opportunity presents itself.

A fifth of its 4,500 staff are based overseas where it has interests in 7,500 megawatts of capacity compared with its 16,000 megawatts of UK generating

The company expects its UK market share shrink to 25 per cent this year compared with 32

those shares were worth £1.49m

and be immediately sold

181,000 to raise £814,500. Fol-

lowing the disposal, Mr Lang-

ley retains a holding of 337,000

with Mr Langley last month in

what one analyst described as

a plece of "hrutal realism".

David Potter, chairman, de-

scribed the parting as amicable hut it was felt that Psion had

outgrown Mr Langley's capa-hilities as finance director.

Psion agreed to part company

shares, worth £1.52m.



C&W in talks with Telewest

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Cable & Wireless is bolding informal discussions with Telewest, the cable television operator, in a drive to expand its recently announced £5bn link-up between Mercury and

four other UK cable operators. In what promises to be another hectic period of dealmaking under Dick Brown, the recently appointed chief exec-utive. Cable & Wireless is also believed to have given itself a year to reduce its 58 per cent stake in the hugely lucrative Hongkong Telecom divisioo as the colony approaches the handover of power to China.

A deal with Telewest would give Cahle & Wireless Communications, the merged group,

access to more than 600,000 extra phone customers and a potential 4.3 million bomes and businesses in the South-east, the South-west the Midlands and the North.

Mr Brown is known to be keen to expand further the reach of the new cable group. as Mercury continues to show damage from its reliance on indirect access to residential customers through a special button on the telephone handset. Cahle & Wireless yesterday disclosed a drop in Mercury's residential customer base, by 7 per cent to 716,000 over the last six mooths.

The creation of Cable & Wireless Communications, which includes the UK cable franchises of Nynex Cable-Comms, Bell Cablemedia and

Videotron, enables Mercury to gain direct access to homes for shareholder in Telewest. the first time.

Mr Brown would only say yes-terday that Cable & Wireless thought to have involved Comcast, another UK cable operator, which is also understood to have held separate merger talkswith Telewest.

It is unclear whether an alliance with a merged Telewest-Comcast group would go beyond a joint marketiog partnership to include some form of equity stake. Sources suggested Mr Brown may want to include the cable operators in a higger deal involving One-2-One, the UK mobile phone company which is jointly owned by Cahle

& Wireless and US West, a main

One suggestion is that he would be prepared to swap Cable & Wireless's long distance "cootinues to talk to people as we have been all along". However, the discussions are also Telewest. This would allow the British group to maintain its majority stake in Cable & Wireless Communications.

Separately, the moves to reduce the stake io Hongkong Telecom underlines Mr Brown's determination to sort out the issue before next June.

Cable & Wireless yesterday revealed a 17 per cent rise in operating profits to £746m in the six months to the end of September. However, a one-off £199m boost to last year's figures meant headline pre-tax profits fell by 10 per cent to £734m.

Airbus and Boeing

to split \$3bn order

Strip club teases investors with public share offer

Nigel Cope

City Editor

It promises to be one of the more risque share issues of recent times, its success almost guaranteed by the irresistible combination of sex and money. Britain is to get its first publicly quoted "lap dancing" club. From next May, the Berkeley

Playhouse will open in the heart of Londun's Mayfair district, with a troupe of 150 girls. For £10 they will perform an crotic dance "in your lap".
"It going to be the Playboy Club of the late 1990s," pledges

Morley. "This is the first cluh of its kind in England and promises to be a very sexy investment. The Berkeley Club is raising £2.1m through the Enterprise

Investment Scheme and plans

to bring the club to the Ofex membership. Otherwise primarket, though oo date has membership costs £200, or

ment of £5,000 (£1 a share), for which investors gain free mem-hership to the club. An outlay of £10,000 secures free life

vate membership costs £200, or £500 for corporate deals.

The company is attempting to maintain a sense of decorum with its investment material, though its prospectus features

page oumbers illustrated with

Page-turner: A blonde 'dancer' helps illustrate Berkeley Playhouse's assets in its prospectus

10

29

various stage of undress. Sport-ing a fishnet bodysuit and stock-

INTEREST RATES

Arjo Wiggins Apple 157.5

8 3.4

ings in the introductory section on page two, she is virtually naked by the listing particulars The cluh is the brainchild of

pictures of a blonde "dancer" in John Paul, a nightchib entrepreneur who developed shops on Londoo's Carnaby Street in the 1960s and ran 1960s nightclubs Wedgies and Tokyo Joe. The concept is based on others in the United States, where



A key joh at the Berkeley Club is held by Alan Whitebead, a former member of the Marmalade 1960s pop group. Now a choreographer, his task is to train the dancers, who can cao earn up to £400 a night. Mr Morley is adamant the

Berkeley Playhouse will not be a sleazy strip joint. "It's for chaps from the City and the West End. It's definitely not for the dirty mac brigade.

The notion was ridiculed yesterday by Peter Stringfellow, the nightcluh impresario who has been running lap dance nights at his club three times a week since July. "With all respect to them [the Berkeley Playhouse] they are asking for a lot of money without a great deal of knowledge about the market. I'm very-sceptical." CURRENCIES

and David Usborne New York Air France, the ailing stateowned carrier, yesterday averted a political row by splitting a \$3hn (£1.8bn) aircraft order between Boeing of the US and Europe's Airhus Industrie.

The French transport minister, Bernard Pons, had wanted Air France to buy exclusively from Airbus, io which the French have a 37.5 per cent stake, but was overruled by

Michael Harrison

London

Prime Minister Alain Juppé. The airline will buy 10 Boeing 777 aircraft and 10 longrange Airbus A340s. It has taken out options to buy a further 10 777s and five more A340s. Separately, American Air-

lines is set to announce a \$6bn order today for 100-plus planes from Boeing. American, which is expected to merge transatlantic operations next year with British Airways, will use the order to revamp its fleet significantly. The carrier is expected to sell its fleet of MD-11 widebodied jets to Federal Express, the courier company, and to retire several ageing Airbus, Fokker and Boeing 727 aircraft. The Boeing aircraft for Air

France will be powered by GE90 engines huit by General Electric of the US and Snecma of France. The 777 order replaces an order to buy 15 Boeing 767s and 737s which dated back seven years but which was frozen in 1994 after Air France ran into financial problems.

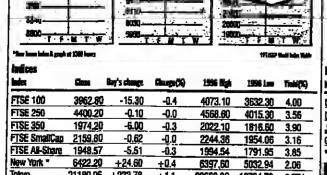
Air France already operates Boeing 737s, 767s and 747 Jum-bos jets. Although Mr Pons had wanted the latest order to exclude Boeing, Christian Blanc, the airline's chairman, had to stick with Boeing for part of the order, otherwise would have forfeited cash deposits made on the original Boeing order.

the original Bocing order.

The Airbus deal, meanwhile. consists of only five new orders since it includes five A340-200s that Air France announced it was purchasing in June.

The unveiling of the American Airlines order with Boeing was contingent on a vote expected yesterday from leaders of America's pilots' union to put a new labour contract to its membership. The promise of a dramatically modernised fleet was thought to have helped conclude talks between the union and management.





STOCK MARKETS

Money Market Rates Road Violes 7.63 7.83 5.34 5,59 6.18 6.46 0.44 0.44 Germany 3.06 21189.96 +233.78 Price by Charge by % Charge 13167.16 10204.87 3.17† 2795.80 2253.36 1.67†

£ (N Yorka # 0.5970 -0.72 0.6405 DM (London) 2.5177 +0.76pt 2.1991 DM (London) 1.5028 +0.11pt 1.4085 ¥ (London) 111.360 -Y0.06 101.030 # (London), 186.561 + YO.322, 157.738 923 +0.3 82.8 S India. Ventersky Day's chy Year Ago hades Latest Yr Ago Heat Figs 23.49 +0.27 16.45 RP! 108.9+2.3pc 105.7 Jan 27 379.20 +0.70 385.90 226.08 +0.08 247.17 8ase Rates -- 6.00pc 6.75





'Public finances are in a long-term mess and this is precisely the wrong point in the economic cycle

to give another boost to consumer spending power

the fire at artists to the fire at the fir

ESS

Clarke needs to do some juggling on his tightrope

Kenneth Clarke, not a man ever likely to moome growth and building society windfalls a month before the election. It would not be to look forward to, it would be perverse to hard to find excuses for reversing the process Lawson diet, cuts an unlikely figure as a tightrope walker. But that is his task during the next six months, up to the presumed election date. The economy could scarcely be turning out better for the Government, as yesterday's retail sales figures underlined

Consumer confidence, a key indicator of voting intentions, has returned to its highest level since 1986, in Nigel Lawson's own pre-diet days. But the usual negative consequences of a boom, whether mini or maxi, will not become apparent until after the election. Both inflation and the trade deficit are certainly likely to climb but are unlikely to reach embarrassing proportions until the next government is installed.

Mr Clarke has two problems, however. The first is the received wisdom in his party that a reduction in income tax is a political necessity. The Conservatives have promised a 20p basic rate and have to keep moving towards it. Otherwise, there is a danger that Labour's "22 tax increases since 1992" campaign will hit target. Reductions in Thesday's Budget will also put the Opposition on the spot, for the Government will certainly challenge Labour to vote against tax cuts.

The problem is that there is not a shadow of doubt that this would also be bad economics. The public finances are in a longterm mess and this is also the wrong point in the economic cycle to give another boost

put even more money in people's pockets.

The second difficulty is posed by the fact that we all know now what the Governor of the Bank of England thinks ought to happen to interest rates - and that he is a pretty good, if tough, judge of the Chancellor's conduct of monetary policy. In the days before the publication of minutes of their meetings, a Chancellor hoping to postpone a difficult decision to a more convenient date would have been able to do so. Mr Clarke will face strong and public pressure from the Bank to raise base rates again within the next month or two, unless he delivers a particularly tough Budget. The Bank will spell out that if he does not agree, it will mark the death of the Government's own inflation target. This is not what somebody who has made a virtue of ostentatious economic pru-

dence wants said about him. Can the Chancellor stay on the tightrope? The prudent thing would be a fiscally neutral Budget nn Tuesday. He might then get away with doing nothing on interest rates too, coasting to the election on the strength of the economy. There is another alternative, though not a particularly innest one. This would be a Budget giveaway which stayed just about within the bounds of credibility but which the Chancellor has no real intentinn of putting into practice. It is easily forgotten that most of the measures to be to consumer spending power. With higher announced will not take effect until April,

immediately afterwards.

But perbaps the most compelling option is the rolling programme, the promise of jam tomorrow, the bope-postponed type of Budget. This allows the Chancellor to dittle for the time being but promise much in future conditions allowing of course. It's future, conditions allowing of course. It's bard in teach a politician new tricks.

Steering clear of the auction room

Some of our best-known investment banks appear to be refusing to join the move to-wards cheaper underwriting commissions for rights issues. It might be just caution, or a reasoned commercial decision on the part of BZW, SBC Warburg and most of the big US houses not to join a price war. But a much deeper argument seems in be going in be-

Kleinwori Benson yesterday launched another rights issue incorporating a partial auction of the sub-underwriting, a £45m fund raising for Biocompatibles. With two pioneering issues by Schroders earlier this mouth this brings the grand total of the new auctions to five. But so far, unbody other than Schroders and Kleinwart - with Merrill Lynch coming in jointly on Biocompatibles - seems willing to come into the auc-

rights issue for Azlan on Tuesday, BZW too has made polite noises about encouraging flexibility, but in its handling of a couple of recent share issues, including the Invesco rights, it has stuck to fixed commissions. attempt to undermine the move to new flexible commission rates.

You don't have to look far for motive in all this. Institutional enthusiasm for innovation - even though it costs them money in lower commissions - stems from the belief that there is a serious risk of the OFT and MMC delving into the whole question of capital-raising, thus wbittling away sharebolders' pre-emption rights, a closely related issue. And who in the City wants to see preemption rights eroded, replacing rights issues with US-style bought deals? Why none nther than some of the hig integrated investment banks that have failed to come into the

Darwin's theory of evolution

Here's an odd one. A company which hardly anyone knows anything about, except that it's in biotechnology and eats money, buys a company even fewer people know anything about except that it's much the same - a loss making hiotech hapeful. Fortunately it has Bill Gates as a shareholder

There was no auction in the SBC Warburg ! so the shares move hriskly aboad. That in a nutshell summarises reaction in the City yesterday to the acquisition by Chiroscience of Darwin Mnlecular.

Darwin has come along just as investors were groping their way to an understanding Some institutions even suspect a deliberate of chiral chemistry, the way in which Chiroscience chemically purifies existing drugs to reduce their side effects. By comparison, the activities of the US group rank as science fiction. The company searches for genes to discover why people are prone to certain dis-eases and boils down huge volumes of data using huge computers to uncover new tar-

gets for drugs.
What it's actually worth is anyone's guess. Chiroscience thinks \$120m, more than doubling the \$55m Mr Gates and his pals in the venture capital industry have pumped into the company over the past two years. But then in stock market terms this seems more a case of backing the man irrespective of the company and when good old Bill's there with a ready quote, it hardly matters. "The deal is the right move for both of them." he enthuses. So that's all right then.

A word of warning, however, Mr Gates may be the most talented entrepreneur of his generation, but he's also someone with a multi-billing dollar fortune to burn. Just because Mr Gates has chosen to bet his money on a company with about as much to do with the theory of natural selection as a bag of jelly beans does not mean Chiro-

Buoyant Granada set to launch sale of motorway sites

Mathew Horsman Media Editor

Granada, the media and leisure conglomerate, will next week launch the sale of its Welcome Break motorway service sites, by issuing a sales memorandum to between 40 and 50 potential

The chain of 21 service sites new menus and higher prices. could fetch about £300m, and is believed to bave attracted expressions of interest from petrol and food retailers, as well as brewing giant Whitbread.

The news emerged as Granada announced sharply takeover battle early this year. of Jardine Matheson.

Profits soared 37 per cent to £480m in the year ending 30 September, which included eight months of Forte earnings. Gerry Robinson, Granada's chairman, added that a midbattle promise to enhance Forte's profitability by £100m was 'well on track,' with £40m in enhancements already made. The dividend has been set at 13p for the year, up 11 per cent.

excellent results, and they prove that we have done what we said we would do following the Forte takeover." The key moves have been to reduce overheads, restructure the hotels operations from 11 to three main units, and consolidate the catering businesses, including roadside restaurants, by introducing

The company has also em-barked on a large-scale dispos-als programme, aimed at reducing net debt, which stood at £3.5bn at the end of the year, giving gearing of 322 per cent. Earmarked for sale, in addition higher pre-tax earnings for the 1995-96 fiscal year, including for clusive hotels and a stake in the the first time results from Forter- Savoy Group. The first of the the hotels group won by Grana- Exclusives, the Hyde Park, was da following a bitter £3.9bn sold for £86m this week to a unit

cluding the company's extensive media side, were sharply ahead year on year. Granada Media Group, which includes the two IIV licences, Granada and London Weekend Television. reported operating profits of £163m, up 17 per cent. The restaurant and catering busi-ness, not counting the roadside sites of Little Chef and Happy Eater inherited from Forte,

forma basis. The rental operations were only 3 per cent up year on year, however, reflecting the mature nature of the

Despite the figures, shares in Granada dropped 10p to 882.5p yesterday, but analysts said the decline was linked to persistent rumours on the Continent about a possible takeover bid by Granada for tronbled batelier Accon. "We have not approached Accor, and have no in-tention to do so," Mr Allen said

yesterday. Mr Allen also said for the first time publicly that Granada had no intention of bidding for Manchester United, the Pre--mier League football club; despite persistent rumours that Granada was among the potential predators.

m such a one-off purchase, it just doesn't make any sense," Mr Allen said.

Mr Robinson conceded that the market might begin to ques-tion the "conglomerate" status of Granada, in light of recent high-profile demergers. Yes, you could do it. We cur-

rently have two large businesses, operating in their own right. But we have no plans to do so was ahead 25 per cent on a proDepth: 1.2m Temperature: 32°C (and rising) Time: 0923hrs



To find your nearest Tudor branch call FREE on 0800 220733.



It's that time of year again. Crack open the champagne with Richard Ehrlich and his panel, who test 25 bottles of bubbly as part of our 12-page food and drink special. Plus, festive recipes from top chefs

At the height of her power, Margaret Thatcher rang Lord Wyatt of Weeford almost every day. He dines with Rupert Murdoch. Is he one of the most influential men of our age or a mere gadfly? Geraldine Bedell examines the evidence

WATERPRO



Michael Flatley made his fortune and Irish dancing fashionable with his high-stepping skills. Then everything turned sour. We talk to both sides in the Riverdance row

Plus: Blake Morrison, Helen Kielding, Andy Beckett

IN THIS WEEKEND'S DEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

ir Hav aps t Joyd's 1at Ll hangii hip, w 977; n cady nahog nd sor Tavelo **Jucen** Gold Joyd's rally s rangu

City on Huc .hat atraigh painfu

а та

Teb

emerger was not a winning formula at Courtaulds The thinking is that as the super-

The urge to demerge has suddenly become unfashionable and it is not The urge to demerge has suddenly become unfashionable and it is not hard to see why when pioneers of selves and Courtaulds' leading pothe genre, like Courtaulds, have done so little for shareholder value sealants should allow it to cash in some seven years after doing the

Cutting away its currently troubled textiles arm in 1990 has not 55 per cent. saved the chemicals rump of the business from a vicious husiness cycle. Courtaulds went through the mill last year as key raw material prices doubled or tripled. They have since come back to normal, but although acrylics are now definitely in the recovery ward, viscose demand is still in the doldrums, with only the faintest glimmerings of a pick-up as yet.

But the slippage in Courtaulds' profits from £67.8m to £64m in the balf-year to September is more complicated than that. Stripping out disposals, underlying operating profits from continuing businesses

were up £5m at £80m. Despite the problems of viscose. the fibres and chemicals division still recorded a 13 per cent increase in operating profits to £27m and there are clear indications that things are moving in the right direction for the

The main coatings and sealants

sitions in aircraft coatings and next year on the current surge in aeroplane orders. Boeing alone, where Courtaulds is the dominant supplier, expects business to soar by

But the real story at Courtaulds remains a long-term one. The Far East consistently notches up profits growth of 15 per cent as the group continues its drive into the region, with businesses like marine and powder coatings and toothpaste tubes all building new facilities there. Next year they will be joined Courtaulds' Tencel "wonder fibre", now showing its first profits after a decade of development costing around £300m

spending up at around £200m a year for some time, hut Tencel will be making at least £60m by the beginning of the new millennium, which is roughly the profits on viscose Courtaulds has lost since the early 1990s, according to analysts' esti-mates. If viscose is back by then too, 10 per cent margins may become a

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON

year would put the shares on a forward multiple of 20. That fully values the prospects, while viscose and currency worries will continue to act as a drag on the shares.

Unigate milks **BSE** scare

by the third production plant for Over the past two years, both Unigate and Northern Foods have gone through the painful process of adjusting their businesses to cope with the rapid decline of doorsten The £150m plant will keep capital milk deliveries. Plants have been closed, provisions taken and redundancies made. But as the milk industry starts to emerge from the dark days, it seems Unigate holds the stronger position.

There are two main reasons.
One is that Northern is more exposed to the weaker commodity prices which have hit the industry this year. While Unigate has been

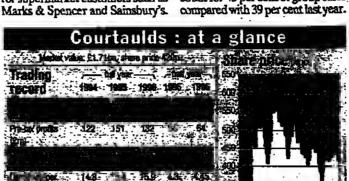
Meantime, profits of £140m this able to use excess butter fat to produce cheese and other dairy products, Northern has been unable to do so and has had little option but

> benefited from the BSE scare while Northern's prepared foods division £21.6m. took a 13m profits hit on BSE in the

These two factors held back pre-exceptional profits to £57.7m. up just 1 per cent in the six months to September. It was a tale of two to sell its surplus at weaker prices.

Then there is the BSE factor. As a large pork producer, Unigate has cent to £43m while the dairy division saw profits fall 27 per cent to

In both divisions, Northern's first half. It has had to produce a raft strategy is to move closer to its main of new, non-beef, ready-made meals supermarket customers which acfor supermarket customers such as count for 43 per cent of group sales



Northern can grow with them.

Assuming full-year profits of £129m, the shares, up 2.5p to 198p vesterday, trade on a forward rating of 12. Hardly expensive but with little prospect of a share huy-back or acquisition, the more lowly rated Unigate looks a better het.

Tenancies cast off dull image

The City has fallen so heavily in love with the managed pub chains run by companies such as Regent Inns and JD Wetherspoon that it has had little time for the industry's country cousins in the business of operating tenanted estates. Compared to the heady ratings they have given to managed groups, investors have been prepared to pay a rela-tively stingy multiple of earnings for

Slowly, however, it is dawning on some that lenancies have their attractions and, as a tow-risk way into the sector, they have gained some support in the past year since Enterprise Inns and Century Inns

market giants grab market share.
Northern our arrow with there been the less exciting investment of the two, but even so has given chareholders a return of more than 30 per FTSE 1400. FTSE 1974. SEAQ 723.2 38.54 Gira I

94.28

cent over the 12 months. Pre-lax profits in the year to September of £7.1m were 23 per cent higher than in the comparable period, struck from a 13 per cent rise in sales to £24m from its portfolio of 342 pubs, mainly in the North-east and Yorkshire. A final dividend of 4.5p made a total for the period

since flutation of 5.75p. Tenancies have developed a dull image, thanks largely to the years during which the big brewers used them as eash cows to fund investment in their managed pubs. As a result they were underinvested and often shabby. Properly run and maintained, however, tenancies can be high-margin, stable businesses.

Everything has ils price and at 165p, unchanged yesterday, Century's sbares trade on a prospective price-earnings ratio of under 11. That is cheaper than Enterprise and a snip compared to the glitzier managed chains whose multiples of more than twice as much are in danger of putting managements nn a dangerous acquisition-led treadmill. Good value.

In the edge onversauon. Ine of the oneliest places on earth.

The Economist

VCI warns of slowdown in trading

Patrick Tocher

VCI, the video distribution group which recently attempted to make an audacious £300m bid for Manchester United, yesterday warned about a slow start to its key Christmas sell-

ing period.
In a frading statement, VCI said: "Early indications are that the critical Christmas shopping season has been slower than the last year to gather full momentim in the markets in which we operate."

Although scheduled, the trading update took analysts by surprise. "It was premature for them to put out a statement, said one. "The bulk of VCI's sales come in the final six weeks of the year."

VCT's shares, as high as 349p in July, closed 13p lower at 275.5p as brokers trimmed their profit forecasts from about year. In 1995 VCI made pre-tax profits of £8m on sales of £77m.

VCI, chaired by Micbael Grade who is also chief executive of Channel Four, said it would issue an update of Christmas trading in January "as VCI publishes videos rangin

comedy series to Thomas the Tank Engine and Riverdance -

from the Men Behaving Badly

In January it hought the audio publishing group.

rights to Manchester United's hook and video publishing inierests for £2.4m.

Four months later HSBC, VCI's advisers, approached United's chairman, Martin Edwards, to discuss a possible £300m bid for the club. Talks continued for about u

month, but they were overtaken by events when the hid premium VCI was prepared to pay. disappeared as United's share price soared on news of a fouryear deal worth £670m between the Premier League and BSkvB.

the pay-TV broadcaster.

Last night analysts suggested VCI needed the deal with United to improve the com-

pany's carnings visibility.

VCI is a product-led company where profits can disap-pear overnight," said one. "If anything, it needs something more stable.

Shares in VCl, a manage-Prestwich Holdings in 1989. were floated on the stock market two years ago at 150p, valuing the company at £58m.

Under chief executive Steve Ayres, VCI has avoided the video rental market, which is in long-term decline following the advent of cable and satellite television, to concentrate on the sell-through side of the business. It is now the UK's leading independent video, book and

Chubb in £104m Australian deal

Chubb Security, the alarms and electronic security group chaired by Sir Ernest Harrison, is expanding in Australia, huy-ing the access control and fire protection division of James Hardie Industries, a huilding materials supplier, for A\$220m (£104m), writes Patrick Tooher. Chubh shares rose 7p to 325.5p after the group said it expect-ed the deal to enhance earnings

in the first year.

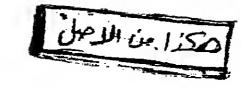
The deal is part of Chubb's stated ambition to expand in stated ambition to expand in the first year. the Australasia region where

relation to the development of the business in Australia. Asia/Pacific and world-wide, Sir Ernest said.

Cbuhh, which has almost £90m in the bank, will fund the deal from a combination of cash resources and bank facilities. The acquisitinn is the latest in a series of deals involving Chuhb in the Australasian region, which accounts for more than a quarter of group sales, and its second in a year

the market for electronic alarms and closed-circuit television is growing faster than in In December Couhh paid bought MSS Security, an Aus-"The acquisition is of major strategic value for Chuhh in pany, for £19m cash.

	Compa	ny Resu	ts	
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EP\$	Dividend
Brunel Holdings (F)	168m (173m)	-16 3m (8.34m)	-17.8p (13.7p)	0.5p (0.5p)
Cable & Wireless (I)	3.40bn (2.99m)	734m (815m)	16.1p 19.6p)	3.4p (3.08p)
Century hous (F)	24 Om (21.6m)	7 13m (4.88m)	15.7p (13p)	5 75p (-)
CHIL Microsystems (I)	8.39m (8.75m)	0.12m (9.73m)	1 35p (3 38p)	
Courtanids (J)	1.070n (1.150n)	64.0m (68.0m)	10 6p (11.3p)	· () 4 45p (4.3p)
Granswick (f)	79,1m (66.5m)	1.84m (1.46m)	8 8p (7 2p)	3b (5 eb)
FID (I)	459m (429m)	51.4m (39.4m)	6 1 ip (5 2p)	
Granada Breup (F)	3.82an (2.38bn)	480m (351m)	42.30 (39.1p)	3 lp (2 2p)
Greenway Holdings (i)	6.08m (5.56m)	-0.08m (0.56m)	-0 28p (1 96p1	8.765p (7.9)
CE Heath (I)	61.5m (82.1m)	4.62m (10.3m)	3 1p (4p)	0.5p (0.5p)
Katamazoo Competer (I)	35.2m (32.4m)	2.3m (2.0m)		1.5p (3p)
McCarthy & Stone (F)	61.0m (67.3m)	11 Om (9.2m)	3 73p (3 60p)	1.2p (1.(p)
Hortbern Feeds (I)	941m (967m)	59.0m (5.2m)	7p (7.2p)	2.3p (2p)
Refex (†)	0 08m (-)	-0.21m (-)	7 48p (6.55p)	3.6p (3 5p) .
Sentiments (f)	18.4m (13.2m)		-3 09p (-)	क्षांच .
TBI (I)	26 Om (14.3m)	3.18m (2.03m)	11 3p (8.43p)	2.25p (1.76p
Tiesley Robor (1)	24 9m (21.3m)	9 7m (4.24m)	2.52p (2p)	- (-) .
UK Land (I)	- (4	1 8m (1.5m)	3.9p (3.7p)	0 9p (0 75p)
Wagon Industrial (f)	191m (193m)	0 67m (0 59m)	řp (6g)	唯(-)
	19711 (19711)	11 tm (12 Am)	13.54p (16.97p)	76 (76)



market report/shares

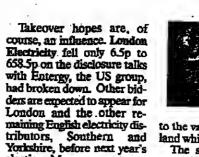
FISE 100 3962.8 -15.3 FTSE 250 4400.2 -0.1 FISE 350 1974.2 -6.0

Privatised firms thumb their nose at a windfall tax Windfall tax, what windfall tax? Judging by the performance of the privatised groups, the Labour Party's threat to hit the seemingly over-rich cre-ations of the Tories has already SEAQ VOLUME been dismissed by the stock 723.2m shares. 38,540 bargains...

Railtrack, the most astonishing success of them all, kept on its own express track, climbing 23p to 344p, another peak.

British Energy, ahead of today's results, added 2.5p to a 135.5p record and PowerGen was at one time 5.5p higher. ScottishPower ended 4.5p up

With other privatisation shares under the windfall shadow also continuing to display remarkable resilience the market is, in the view of one leading stockbroker, dismissing what could be substantial tax demands if Labour comes to



MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN stock market reporter of the year

to the vast amount of surplus land which could be sold." The shares were shunted election. More corporate ac-tion is also deemed likely in the onto the market at 190p in their partly-paid form. On oc-casions the flotation looked perilously balanced.

the market is captivated by the generous dividend yields on of-fer, the prospect of steady PowerGen ended 1p firmer at 578.5p The shares lost some of their exuberance as the promised share buy-back failed to materialise. It should occur Railtrack's latest advance was fuelled by positive noises from NatWest Securities and soon. National Power, which paid a 100p a share special dividend earlier this year, was the utility casualty, falling 18p to 435p. The shares have been firm lately and succumbed to profit-taking with some ex-pressing disappointment with the profits and dividend.

The rest of the market remained transfixed by the Budget More New York records were ignored, pointing to the decoupling which is becoming increasingly pronounced. Since the start of August Footsie has risen 228 points; the Dow Jones Average, as Lon-

don closed, by nearly 900 The latest Whitehall statistics tended to increase fears of higher interest rates and sterling's strength remained an unsteady influence. It was enough to lower Footsie 15.3 points to 3,962.8.

Sears was the day's talking point. A big options trade for expiry next month lifted the

vulnerable to a strike. Its trading has been weak and a breakup hid could be rewarding.
WH Smith rallied 11.5p to

439.5p as a numoured cautious trading statement failed to appear. The shares have per-formed poorly since peaking in the summer at 532p. The re-tail chain is being revamped by Bill Cockburn, who used to run the Post Office. Last month he disclosed a like-for-like sales increase of 4 per cent in the four months to the end of

Granada produced figures ahead of expectations but fell 10p to 882.5p. The decline was due to rumours, which the company denied, of a bid for Accor, the French hotel chain.

September.

Other Financial

BSkyB was encouraged by Granada's intention to hold on to its 10.8 per cent sharehold-

shares 3p to 93p with excited ing. The satellite television sta-talk of a bid, probably from tion, which has been weak

mgusher. since hitting a 696.5p peak last month, improved 7.5p to 526p. Prudential Corporation slipped 6p to 456p, seemingly unimpressed by what are said to be bullish London presentations by its LIS off-shoot. tations by its US off-shoot, Jackson National Life.

Jarvis Porter, the packaging group, rose 12.5p to 230.5p on vague speculative interest. The shares have moved off a 186.5p

low since last mouth. Vodafone, the cellular telephone group, lost an 8.5p gain to end unchanged at 254p as two directors cashed in share options. Tuesday's better-than-expected Vodafone profits helped Filtronic Comtek, a

maker of mobile phone parts, to dial a 35p gain to 262.5p. Enrotumed's shares ensed a further 2p to 86p and P&O edged ahead 1p to 607.5p. The strong copper price added another 7p to RTZ at 942p.

The Independent Index

13620000

Retailers, Food

FTSE 100 Index hour by hour

Prices are at several except where seems. The years at sex years:

20 per cent, es a percentage of the share price. The price/earning-price divided by lest year's commings per share, excluding excepti-committee of the prices of the prices of the prices of the Other details: r Ex rights x Ex-clindend a Ex all u United Security pp Partly Paul pm NE Paul Shares. \$ AM Stock

Independent Index, including its portfolio facility, phone For assistance, call our helpine DTP1 873 4375 (9.30em - 5.50pm).

The Index above you to access reel-time share prices by phone from Seas, S (0831 123 335, followed by the 4-digit code princed next to each where. To access financial reports diel 0891 1233 followed by one of the two-digit codes below.

1230000 BTR 120000 ASDA Group 940000 Teeco w 930000 Grand Ms. 850000 Lactorie

15.00 3967.7 down 10.4

centrate on engineering and shipping will lead to the flotation of its security business. The shares rose 5p to 320p, against 290p when last week Jacobs disclosed its bid intentions towards Ropner, a mini conglomerate which has 29 per cent of Scruttons.

Roxboro, the hard pressed electronic equipment group, surged 21p to 159p as TT Group, an aggressive conglomerate, said it had snapped up an 8.46 per cent interest. After two profit warnings in the past few months Roxboro must be vulnerable to a takeover strike. Two mouths ago the shares were 314.5p.

Exeter, a fund manager, placed at 92p, managed a 5.5p premium. Its debut coin-cided with a unit trust award

94.28 - 0.38 Share spotlight

Gilts Index

er securities house, thought to be Merrill Lynch, which left power. "The shares are good the market short of stock. value even on a worst-case sce-NatWest lifted its profit expectations and drew attention

water sector.

As well as bid expectations

profit increases and the rich as-

determined buying by anoth-

sets often involved.

See version of the control of the co

A BETTING SHOP

The state of the s Government Securities

| Market | Marke

model to use 28 188 or 1985, Dago

 $n^{q \ln a^{d \ln t}}$

18 WI

հոհ տուր

bomp gren

 $^{\rm dynk} u \, \nu_{eig}$

 $\mathrm{all}_{\mathrm{PS},\mathrm{thoms}}$

white chills.

 $\cos c \sin p_{\rm by}$

minister.

 $t_{C}(t_{CC}) = and$

alvon from

ուս հումի

and on the

with the trape

NHS pa

of sensing a store and onic illness

151 time, but the bill to alomside the I mehide Me

արդ իրապո

h will pac III PERHAN Production in

dates for GP. discondition. d) obliga Shirt are te-40.00

h ta Arsle ." : : wid." The same normality.

Tuesday's Budget is how

much the basic rate of income

tax will fall - or so you might

judge from the acres of dis-

cussion. It is a sign of how im-

poverished the Government's

thinking on taxation has be-

come that this one rate has be-

come the only aspect of policy

it thinks has any political rele-

vance in a juvenile "mine's

Tax reform has not been on

this Chancellor's agenda, but

there are serious questions his

successor ought to start think-

ing about long before he opens

House of Commons a year from now. A thought-provok-ing paper on the shape the tax

system will have to take next

century sets out some of the

most important issues.* Pre-sented recently by Mervyn

King, chief economist at the

Bank of England and a hot up

for even greater things under

a Labour government, it argues

that there are three trends

that will transform tax policy. The first is that taxes will

have to shift from income to

consumption: for individuals,

that means taxing what we

spend via something like VAT

rather than what we earn

through income tax. The sec-

ond is that information tech-

nology will make it harder to

monitor what taxes should be

paid. The third is the pressures

on national tax systems im-

posed by growing international

Mr King, the co-author with

John Kay on the most influ-

ential textbook on the British

tax system, starts out with the

observation that in 1896 almost

half of government revenue

came from customs and excise

duties. (It was also, co-inci-

dentally, a year in which un-

expectedly high tax receipts meant the budget surplus was

During the course of the sub-

sequent century, much of the

growth in the size of govern-

ment was funded by increasing

222-177 76-68 5-1 160-90 12-21 15-8 80-72 10-16 83-52 0-0 64-71 0-0

Other Spot Rates

the highest for 50 years.)

links between economies.

smaller than yours" contest.

North I

Magnus Bill Confes cama Mac indegs g \$1,700 (1)

Dawn k

t hnow una Modes UNIC no b

ompans 4 DOOR SHEET & or of wakes ...m each i The new withe Brite and they s

Regio

Hill Samuel prepares to go in to bat at Lord's

The merchant bank Hill Samuel may have disappeared when Lloyds Bank bought its owner, TSB, but Hill Samuel Asset Management is still very much alive and kicking, says Rob Page, marketing director of HSAM. And to underline this,

HSAM is sponsoring Middle-sex County Cricket Club for £750,000 over the next three years. "Lloyds TSB wants us to be fund manager for the whole group, and we need to re-establish the credibility of the name," says Mr Page. He says the Middlesex club

sponsorship fitted perfectly with the company's plans, not least because its base at Lord's cricket ground is just 15 minutes from HSAM's Fleet Street office in London. There are other benefits,

he adds. "I played cricket a lot in my 20s. Now I play for the company side. We can now play at the Nursery at "I can't wait to see the op-

position's faces when we play Mike Gatting and Mark Ramprakash as the first two. Mr Page does have one regret. "I was born in Kent and lived there for 30 years. My heart will always be there." His colleagues should

therefore watch out for any

mysteriously dropped catches

Simon Bevan, head of fraud investigations at accountants Arthur Andersen, this week received one of the most interesting and challenging appointments of his life; tracking down Jewish assets. and bank accounts looted

during the Holocaust.
"It's the world's biggest ever asset-tracing exercise. and we've been given unprecedented access to the Swiss banking system," says Mr Bevan, a former Hong Kong policeman.

The appointment includes Arthur Andersen, KPMG and Price Waterhouse and was made by the International. Committee of Eminent Persons, made up of Jewish organisations and the Swiss Banking Association.



On the team: Rob Page (left) of HSAM, ready to join Mark Ramprakash at the crease

The Swiss are paying for the search, which will examine gold and bank deposits in the UK, US, Switzerland, Poland, Germany and many other countries, says Mr Bevan. "The Swiss Parliament

voted to give us unfettered access to Swiss banks," says Mr Bevan, a move which will end centuries of secrecy. The teams of accountants are being assembled, says Mr Bevan, and they are about to decide whether to base the investigation in London or Switzerland.

Around 80 people are expected at the annual Slater Walker reunion at Scribes wine bar off Fleet Street on Thursday, 28 November. It is unlikely, however, that

the two prime movers behind the property group, which collapsed in the 1970s crash. will be attending - Jim Slater and Peter Walker. The way the company collapsed, leading to Britain's secondary banking crisis of

1973, doesn't seem to have dented the ex-employees' enthusiasm for get-togethers. which they have held since November 1976. The reunions are organised by an old Slater Walker hand, John S Arthur, who now runs a siness called National Dental Plan, as well as Scribes.

Industrial Metals

14765-775 1320-30 2345-50 8905-15 6740-50 8075-86 1052-3

Mike Finn, Whitehall's longest-serving press spokesman, had a retirement party last night at his last post, the Office of National Statistics.

The office party was a three-in-one affair. It meluded a seasonally adjusted Christmas party and celebrated the department's move from the back half of the Treasury building in Whitehall to new offices over Pimlico Underground station, as well as Mr

Finn's departure. "I joined the Treasury press office in 1962 on the same weekend that Harold Macmillan [then prime min-ster] sacked Selwyn Lloyd as Chancellor," says Mr Finn. T've handled devaluation. decimalisation - I guess you could say I've done a lot of

damage. "I'll be retiring to deepest Surrey to write, consult and advise, free from the obstructions of bureaucracy. I've enjoyed my time here. I've had a ring-side seat on

history." What changes has he noticed in the media since he started? "The younger journalists don't seem to drink. With a name like Mickey Finn, that's not good news,"

LIFFE EMOTTE

John Willcock

London Metal Exchange

Section 257.75 259.75 259.75 274.25

YIS 250 - CONTROL OF C

Income Izans		3 7 10 10 10 10		K TOTAL AND	
onsumption taxes					
other					1975 1993
ece: 0000 0 10	20	30 4	50	80	2000年

Why taxing consumption makes

sense in the age of technology

Diane

Coyle

not been on this

Chancellor's

agenda, but there

are serious

questions his

successor ought

to think about

before he opens

the red box

follow. The ever-closer inte-

gration of the world economy

means taxes on capital income

are increasingly hard to en-

force. It might even become im-

possible the more footloose

investment becomes. The

downward pressures on per-

sonal income tax are less, but

already exist for the mobile cor-

Tax reform has

taxes on income, including in-

that has developed is a bit of

a hybrid, adjusted to cope with

various practical difficulties.

It does not consistently tax in-

come or spending. For in-

stance, it is not practicable to

calculate a person's income

accruing from their employer's

contribution to a pension

scheme, so these are not sub-

jected to the income tax

regime. Likewise, in some

countries it has been consid-

ered undesirable or impossible

to tax capital gains at the same

come from capital at different

rates, causing economic dis-tortions. The best-known ex-

ample of the consequences is

vestment is liable to less tax

than equity-financed invest-

ment, and is sometimes sub-

has concentrated on trying to find a consistent and broad de-

finition of the tax base and ap-

plying the same low rate of tax

as far as possible to all forms

of income. This will probably

continue. However, Mr King

argues that in the longer term

the system will evolve away

from income tax and towards

a consumption tax. This is a

trend that has clearly got under way in the UK with the Con-

servatives' emphasis on in-

Other countries are likely to

298-247 121-115 10-6 119-69 40-48 152-101 119-114 33-35 2-7 80-85 97-89 5-9 70-65

50 YICE 12860 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 105841 | 10584

C400 (1970) (197

come tax reductions.

Tax reform during the 1980s

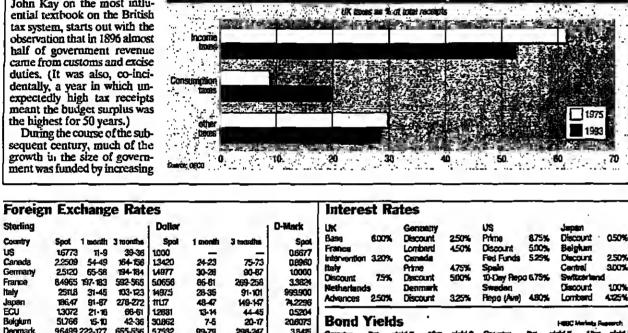
the fact that debt-financed in-

The result has been a system

rate as income

the traditional red box in the that taxes different types of in-

question about next come from capital. The system



lopped off the basic rate. "Tax Systems in the 21st Century", by Mervyn King, presented to the 50th Congress of the International Fiscal Association in Geneva, September 1996. Liffe Financial Futures Discount 325% Repo (Ave) 480% Combard 4725% **Bond Yields** 4000 41/09 69/78 96/95 113/115 **Money Market Rates**

porate executive. Reducing the down a telephone line or income tax burden is high on bounce off a satelline and mon-

the political agenda, anyway.

The added attraction of a tax

on consumption is that it applies

to observable transactions

rather than a calculated defin-

ition of income or profit. In sun-

pler times, applying an income

tax was not too tricky. Most earners worked for big com-

panies and stayed longer in their jobs. Companies did a lot of the

work for the Inland Revenue.

Furthermore, family structures

ied than they are now. Even so,

some of the world's biggest computer systems are those

that were designed for the ad-

The only trouble with a con-sumption tax is that the things we are spending money on are

becoming less and less tangible - and therefore harder to mon-

itor - the more important in-

formation technology and

services become in the economy.

Italy finds it hard enough to col-lect the VAT on goods in the

shops. Italians are required to

hold on to their till receipts in

case a VAT inspector is lurking

outside the shop door.
It is much harder to muni-

tor sales of anything over the

Internet, satellite television

transmissions and any other

'dematerialised" economic ac-

tivity. It will be harder still when

retail customers can pay in

"real time" via computer. Tech-

nology could signal the end of

money as a means of payment.

When value added can pass

ere more stable and less var-

ey can move back along the

same routes, Mr King writes,

"the idea that Microsoft or BT

may have a more important

role in payment systems in the future than Midland or Bar-

clays Bank is not one to be dis-

missed lightly". He concludes that govern-

ments might have to get closely involved in the regulation of in-

formation technology if they are to retain a broad tax base.

However, his arguments point

to another solution. That is tex-

ing spending on precisely those things that can not demateri-

alise; and licensing so that the

is effectively devolved to an or-ganisation closer to the action

than the government can get.

Examples of taxes linked to

physical presence are road

tolls, petrol taxes, vehicle excise

duty, landfill tax and so on. William Pitt's tax on windows

would domestic rates or coun-

cil tax. So is the TV licence. To

the credit of the Liberal De-

mocrats, their pre-budget doc-ument suggests placing greater

reliance on some of these, al-

though for reasons of envi-

ronmental protection rather

than technological necessity.
It is not difficult to imagine

a world where all the tax rev-

enues to build roads are raised

directly by auctioning licences

to claim tolls to a private com-

pany. This is a direction for tax

reform which could be shaped

to appeal to a Conservative gov-

tinged Liberal Democrat one.

The shape of the tax system is

a political issue as well as a tech-

nical one. And the political di-

mensions are far broader than

the question of whether Tues-

day will see another penny

ment as much as a green-

responsibility for tax collection

512 **Tourist Rates** 2. Buys Australis (Pollurs) Austral (Schlings) Belgum (Francs) Canada (Dollars) Oyprus (Pounda) Denmank (Kroner) Holland (Guiders) 2,0480 France[Prance]
172200 Gerevary[Marks]
50,4200 Greece(Drachmei)
2,0655 Ireignat/(Punts)
644501 Inbly(Lina)
2,7499 Jupan(Verd)
753301 Metta(Lin)

1845200 Strengthin 188442000 0.5780 United States (Column) 18500 Latest Unit Basto, Schlege, Sade S Co. 85C is a patient and serve Trust Prices

Sell Buy

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 14.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15.97

15.77 15 407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1997)

407 (1 # FOREIGN PROPERTY OF THE PROP

526.2 658.7 658.5 676.6 764.7

Steek
(Accum Units)
(Accum Uni

Acc ### Ac

GCS1 holicas v sgo *tota Yr '95 +1480 '9 -1472 +3879 -939 D. +251 Da. Maize (No.5)** S/tonne c Copre (1) \$/towne Cotton (NY) UScent/fo Wool Acent/fig Rubber* Moent/fig

leavir

arch key. 191(no d to p resp son gua in ' of t ma esc Tet

The £12bn mountain investors forgot

Nic Clcutti

 $\widehat{\pi(\mathrm{Id}(N))}(M)$

they certi rights issues which individuals

might have passed on. in many instances, company registrars are unable to trace in-

estors in UK companies e lost track of a huge £12bn nclaimed flotation benefits may be entitled to. The un- med benefits include share ificates and dividend pay-	rights issues are sold at a mium and held until they claimed, according to a republished yesterday by Min the research organisation. The unclaimed benefits for the control of a formatter of the control of the contro
the management Days	part of a £77bn total of for

part of a £77bn total of forgot-
ten funds, which include £14hm
in dormant and obsolete ac-
counts, £1.6bm National Savings
On extension rates and £2bn of
life assurance policies put on

Regional	breakdown
Region Forgotten funds	Unclaimed Total
South East 14.816	£m £m 6,010 20,000
Greater London 8,231	3,339 11,000
Midlands 7,682	3,116 10,000
South West/Wales - 6,585	2,671 8,000
North West 5,488	2,226 7,000
North East 4,939	2,003 6,000
Scotland 4,939	2,003 6,000
Yorkshire 2,744	1,113 3,000
Total 54,876	22,260 77,000
Totals may not agree due to	

dividual shareholders when deposit when they mature. A arrive at the exact figures and rights issues are sold at a preefits concerns up to £10bn in company pension payments, which individuals miss out on because they are not prepared to join and contribute a smaller

tion, which promotes independent financial advice and commissioned the research, said that while much of the money would be hard to access, some deposits could be used almost immediately. "Taking extra care of our existing money and savings can

certainly free up cash to help us

chief executive at IFA Promo-

amount themselves.

in the future, savings that could be used to boost future The Mintel research was carried ont by Paul Hersey, a senior financial analyst. He said yesterday that he had so he to more than 150 people in the course of preparing his report, including both large and small publicly quoted companies.
"In some cases, I could not

said. "In other cases, I came pretty close."

Mr Hersey said, however, he had not been able to work out the extent of capital gains tax liabilities that might be in-Robert Browne-Clayton, curred by individuals who had not taken up their entitlements.

The total capitalisation of UK quoted companies runs into many hundreds of billions of pounds. Experts believe the amount unclaimed by shareholders can average up to 2 or 3 per cent of a company's mar-ket capitalisation in many Forgotten funds include

money people have lost track of, such as bank and building society deposits. Many forgotten funds may entitle a policyholder to flotation benefits when a building society converts to bank status next year.

Unclaimed cash includes company benefits, premium bonds and National Lottery prizes. Some £54bn is in forgotten funds, while £22bn is in

The money nobody want	
Forgotten Punds	£n
Deposits in dominant or obsolete accounts	41,000
National Savings on exertion rates	1,612
Pensioles last track of	333
Old poles and coins	10.000
unclaimed Distation benefits (shares)	
Stocks and shares	1,326
Unit toests	452
Life Assurance	108
Friendly Societies	40
Total	54,876
Unclaimed Cash	En
Option in the second	
inclaimed flotation benefits (divedends)	12.000
	10.000
unused company benefits	221
ncome Tax	
Premium bonds	14
National Lottery	24

unclaimed cash. Mintel's research found that Londoners are the worst money managers in the UK, having lost track of up to £2,000 each, of which

almost £600 was unclaimed

22,260

Abbey moves into

private banking

cash. This compares with an average of £1.700 nationwide and £1,400 for residents in the

Gates and Allen take stake in Chiroscience

Magnus Grimond

. Ottac

500

4.1019

are

ALL DOM: Joseph

A second $m^{-1}M$

PERMITTEE

 $(\eta^{*}P)^{*}\partial^{*}\theta$

 $\{j_k\}_{k=0}^{m_0}$

 $\sqrt{s_0\,p^{\rm ext}}$

1. 6517

1.35

Bill Gates and Paul Allen, the two founders of US software giant Microsoft, will emerge with a 6 per cent stake in Chiroscience, the British hiotechnology group, following a \$120m (£72m) takeover deal announced yesterday.

Chiroscience is buying Darwin Molecular Corporation, a US gene-based drug discovery company started in 1991 with backing from Messrs Gates and Allen and several venture capital groups.
The all-share deal will see the

two men convert their 14 per cent stakes in Darwin for holdings of slightly more than 3 per cent each in Chiroscieuce.

The news initially sent shares in the British group 24p higher and they settled 10p up at

Darwin is involved in inves-

make-up to determine whether people's genes predispose them to diseases such as cancer and asthma. Chiroscience hopes that the combination of Darwin's gene discovery capability with its own expertise in "chiral" chemistry - a way of purifying compounds - will enhance its ability to discover new drugs. The group has already identified key genes involved in two genetic disorders. Werner's Syndrome, which accelerates the ageing process, and early-stage Alzheimer's disease. It is also claims to be on the way to identifying genes involved in psoriasis and osteoporosis, or brittle bone disease.

Mr Gates welcomed the deal yesterday. "There is a strong synergy between these two companies which should accelerate the translation of Darwin's excellent science into therapeutic products. This merger is the



Strong synergies: Microsoft founder Bill Gates said the merger was the right move for both companies

Those sentiments were echoed by John Padfield, Chiro-science chief executive. "This deal creates a unique bioscience company. Nothing similar exists in the biotech world

which goes from gene to drug." as a drug-hunting company, cules. It impr not involved in genome rates," he said.

The idea would be for the combined group to identify a gene target, then some molecules to hit the target, followed by the development of a suitable

Dr Padfield described Darwin portfolio of targets and molecules. It improves your hit

drug.
"The aim is to build a broad

world of private banking through a link with Hambros, stock market.

Abbey National is making its first entrance into the hierative the merchant bank, and Dah Sing Financial Holdings, Hong Kong's fifth-biggest bank. The venture, designed to tar-get wealthy individuals in the

Jill Treanor Banking Correspondent

Hong Kong region, will he called DAH Private Bank. Abbey National and Hambros are each investing £6.6m, giving them each 24.5 per cent inter-

Abbey National has an offshore operation in Jersey but has not set up a separate private banking unit before. Hambros is aiming to boost its

operations with the appointmem of a new head of private banking, Warwick Newbury, hired from Coutts, NatWest's private bank, and due to join in According to a survey pub-

lished yesterday by Price Waterhouse, bankers are setting their sights on the personal

economies in the Asian region. This is also happening in Britain, where investment bankers are reaping the rewards of a hectic year of mergers and acquisitions and a rising

"If you look at M&A activi-ty it gives a sense that the good times are back... but not to the excesses of the 1980s. People are going to save more," said Ian Woodhouse, associate vicepresident at Price Waterhouse's Private Banking Consultancy.

He points to the decision by Coutts to open a branch in London's Docklands, where investment banks such as Morgan Stanley, and soon BZW, are

"Our clients are as likely to be a young, international in-vestment banker, as a member of the British aristocracy." a spokeswoman for Coutts said. Price Waterbouse's survey

highlighted significant growth in private banking but also an increase in competition in a market which has traditionally been associated with polite and gen-

loD criticises new curbs on trade unions

Government proposals to curb industrial action were branded as "undemocratic" by the Institute of Directors vesterday. Tim Melville-Ross, the Institute's director-general, said the plans would Melville-Ross, the institute's one-con-general said the plans would result in "a complete lawyers' charter" as the courts attempted to sort out whether industrial disputes would be covered by the legislation. The Green Paper, unveiled by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade this week, says strikes would be illegal if of the Board of Trade Inis week, says states would be illegal if they caused "significant disruption of everyday life or activities". Launching a manifesto for British Business, Mr Melville-Ross insisted that his organisation was "not amious" to see any new laws restricting trade union rights after the wave of reform from the Conservatives over the past 17 years.

London Electricity bid rumours scotched

Shares in London Electricity fell yesterday after Entergy, the US utility group, dashed speculation that it was about to launch a takeover bid. An Entergy spokesman said the New Orleans power supplier had held "exploratory discussions" with London, be-lieved to be over the past two weeks, but the talks had ended. It is not thought the two sides went as far as discussing a price for London. The shares fell 6.5p to 658.5p. Entergy has already dis-counted mounting a bid for Yorkshire Electricity.

Confidence in Germany grows

Business confidence in Germany jumped last month. The Ifo business climate index, one of the best leading indicators for the German economy, rose to 97.4 from 95.7 in September, with expectations returning to their highest since February 1995. An alysts said the figure suggested the economy was still expanding at an above-trend rate, continuing its second-quarter rebound.

Germany's M3 money supply grew at an annualised and scasonally adjusted 8.4 per cent in October, the Bundesbank said.

Its growth remains well above the 4-7 per cent target range but was probably boosted last month by the build up of deposits ahead of the Deutsche Telekom privatisation. The Bundesbank is expected to leave interest rates on hold.

CME links up with London and Paris

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange yesterday announced the signing of two groundbreaking international agreements establishing links with Europe's two leading futures exchanges, the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) and the Marché à Terme International de France (Matif). They will hring short-term and long-term European interest rate contracts to the Merc's trading floor.

TBI's interim profits take off

TBI, the commercial property and regional airports operator, made pre-tax profits of £9.7m for the six months to 30 September, compared with £4.2m last time. TBI is actively looking to expand its airports division and may make its next move in Europe or North America, chief executive Keith Brooks said. The group operates Cardiff International Airport and recently acquired the Belfast International Airport for £100.4m.

Watchdog cuts BT's charges to rivals

Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog, has cut the charges BT rivals pay to connect calls to its network by 12 per cent. The reductions affect companies such as Mercury and the cable operators who need to route part of a phone call through BT circuits. The cuts reflect the huge cost cuts made by BT, which has continued to slash its workforce in response to growing competition.

Car production motors ahead

Car production surged by 2.8 per cent in the three months to the end of October, reflecting the continuing renaissance of the UK's motor industry. It means production is at its highest level since the early 1970s, just before the huge shake-out among British car makers. Compared with a year ago car production was more than 18 per cent higher. Export production rose by 53.7 per cent year-on-year, while production for the home market fell by 12.6 per cent.

CLASSIFIED

Legal Notices

R.L.S. (SPECIALITY BEERS & WINES) LIMITED The Insolvency Act 1986

Liment of y institution of its institution of a configure of the above company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before Friday 20th December 1976 to send in writing their first names, addressed and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or chains, and the awares and addresses of their Solicitons (if any), to the undersigned Echand has Williamson A.C.A. of Campbell Consley and Davis, 348/350 (sphum Road, Backpool, FM-TDW the Limplather of the said company, and, if so empired by Notice in writing from the said Unplather, are, prestoniby or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be precified in next-

or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their decise or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such Notice, or in cleant faceure they will be excluded into the benefit of any discha-tion made before such debts are proved. Dased this November 1996. GUCHARD MAN WILLIAMSON, Introduction.

TAKE NOTICE that Nigel John Allez of 13 Weston Lodge, Portsmouth Road, Thames Diston having for the past six months carried on the trade or calling Thames Ditton fiving for the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Area Manager intends to apply at the Licensing Sessions for the said division to be beld at the Court House, Crescent Road, Tumbridge Wells on Friday the 6th day of December 1996 at 10.00am for the Provisional Crant to him of a Justices' Licence authorising him to self by retail intonicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises to be situate at and to be known as Wine Cellar (such parts of the premises comprising the Cale hatched in red on the plan deposited with the Clerk to the Licencial Justices and excluding the Off Licence area) at 72174 Calverley Road, Tumbridge Wells, Kent.

Kent. COVEN LINDER OUR HANDS this Sourceie House, 154 Fleet Street, tondon EC4A 2DQ Solicitors and Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the said Applicants

LICENSING ACT 1964 TAKE NOTICE that Nigel John Allen of 13 Weston Lodge, Portsmouth Road Thames Diston having for the past so months carried on the trade or calling months carried on the bade of Caling of Asea Manager intends to apply of the Licensing Sessions for the said division to be held at the Court House, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells on Friday the fish day of December 1996 at 10.00am for the Provisional Grant to hier of a Justices' Licence authorising him to sell by retail intusicating liquor of 38 descriptions or consumption of the premises to be situate at and to be known as Wine Cellar Burch parts of the premises which comprise the Olf Licence excluding the cafe areal at 72/74 Caberley Road, Lumbridge Wells, Kert.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 14th day of November 1996 PAISNER & CO Bouwere House, 154 Flort Street, London EC4A 2DO Solicitors and Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the said Applicants

call the Classified Team on 0171 293 2713.

Unusual Gifts

What's On

PHANTOM pop & sport. C.Dion, Time Turner 0171 823 6119

To

advertise

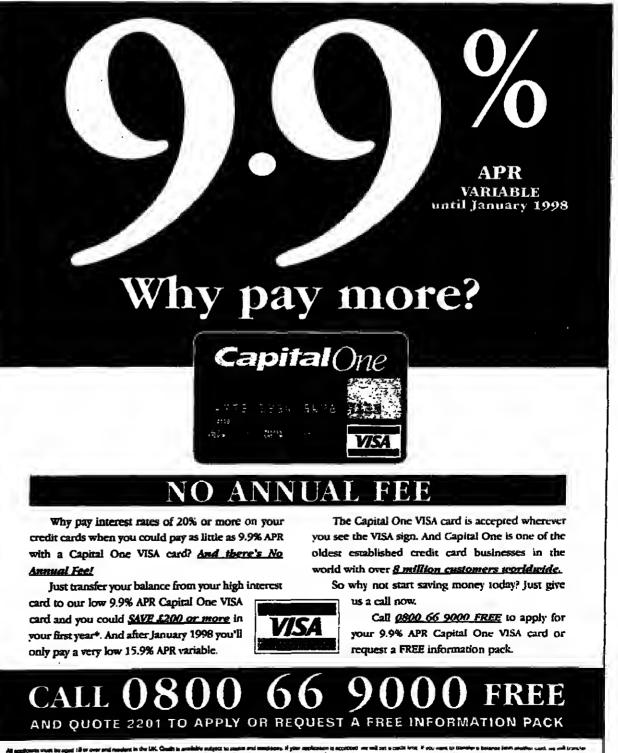
in this

section

please



unbeatable prices Dancal dc1 £4.99 Free Free Mather Class and in se PANEALL All carrige in or selections Tartif Deserts Otter tattle also mulitivity TALK 15- 15 mins FREE calls a month + line rental of £1544/ΑΤ TALK 60-60 mine FREE calls a month + line rental of \$25+VAT TALK 200-200 mins FREE colls a month + ine rental of \$50+VAT Get connected-ball now : 0800 279 2444 INTERNATIONAL CELLULAR SERVICES



"This saving to based on a belonce of \$2,000 that remains constant over 12 months on a Bardaycard standard VISA card 22.3% APR, and assumes that there is no change in Bese flates during that period. Different cards have different terms, conditions and benefits. Competitive information is correct as at 04 11.95.

Yes, plea	se send me my froe information p	ock, I'm interested in paying i	ess for my credit card.
TITLE Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Othe	erINITIALS	SURNAME	
	POSTCODE	VISA	Capital One
PHONE No	Prot to Contal Con Book Cond So		

There is plenty of support for the racist notion that footballers from other than European cultures are not to be trusted there, and I think that registered with ndicule Emerson's complaint that his entered the most prolific phase of

A bleak day on Wearside, snow in the air, a harsh wind whipping in off the North Sea. Steve Perryman's eyes were on his new-found friend. Osvaldo Ardiles. "Terrific player, no question about that, and full of running," the former Tottenham Hotspur captain said, "but how would he perform in rotten conditions?"

Well, without a whimper. "Great pro that he was. Ossie just got on with it," Perryman added. "That match at Roker Park removed all doubts about him.'

If unaware that winters in Ardiles's homeland can be bonechillingly damp, reservations Perryman held about the little Argentinian were understandable, a subliminal response 10 xenopho-

hic stereotyping.
Such notable imports as Eric

Cantona, Jürgen Klinsmann and Andre Kanchelskis may have seen compassionate leave last week off the pathetic notion of weakhearted foreigners but the prejudice still exists. When applied to players from South America, especially Brazil, it prompts one cliché after another. Wait until winter comes. They don't like it up 'em. Suspect temperament. The beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema get mentioned so often you would think that every

Brazilian footballer hails from Rio. This is as daft as the proposition that Bryan Robson must have been off his head when signing Juninho, Branco (who left quickly) and Emer-son for Middlesbrough. I have heard it said, and it's true I'm sure that agents are behind the difficulties Robson is experiencing with his overseas contingent, particularly in the case of

caused a great deal of conjecture.

But from the comments in one or two newspapers you can't help thinking that there is plenty of peripheral support for the unavoidably racist notion that footballers from other than European cultures, whatever their colour, are not to be trusted; gifted maybe, but feckless, here today gone tomorrow mercenaries. When managing Newcastle wasn't Jim Smith driven almost to distrac-

tion by Mirandinha? Of course they come for the money and, for all its passionate frenzy, an easier passage in the Premiership. Did Ravanelli's face light up simply at the thought of spending some time on Teesside? Was relief from the hrutality of Brazil's leagues enough to



interests to go there?

In one popular print last week a photograph of Emerson's smart home near Middlesbrough was juxtaposed alongside the modest apartment he has in Brazil. That and more money than Pele ever drew; to

girlfriend, Andrea, cannot settle. Anyone would think that British footballers by comparison are hardy, sophisticated travellers. For Emerson read Jimmy Greaves whose brief period with Milan was one of escalating unhappiness. Greaves maintained a remarkable goalscoring record but was constantly at odds with Milan's stern coach, Nereo Rocco. Aware that his wife, Irene, found a great city less than enticing too, Greaves leaped at an opportu-

nity to sign for Tottenham. "We couldn't wait to get home," he said. Denis Law sensed that he had made a mistake almost from the moment he joined Torino from Manchester City to play alongside Joe Baker. They were soon back, Law joining Manchester United where he

his career. During the 1990 World Cup we say drinking tea in Turin before Scotland played Brazil. I asked Law if he remembered much about the place. "Nothing," he said.
"Couldn't show you anything. The short time I spent here is almost a blank not entirely a bad memory but all Joe and I thought about was getting back home.

Ian Rush was miserable throughout the short time he spent in Turin playing for Juventus, learning little of the language, lost in a strange cul-

Others fared better. John Charles was a huge success when turning out for Juventus and is still revered throughour Italy, far more so than he is in this country. "It suited mc." Charles said. "I was comfortable the Italian people. Whenever I go back they make a big fuss of me."

Liam Brady, Graeme Souness, Ray Wilkins, Trever Francis and David Platt made the transition to Italian football without difficulty. Gary Lincker settled down quickly

in Barcelona. The truth is, of course, that some footballers, in common with people generally, travel better than others. I've known boxers who felt homesick after spending two weeks in a training camp, sportswriters who couldn't wait to get home after two weeks on the road.

To suggest that Robson should have confined his gambling instinct to the racecourse does not account for human nature. If there is any justice the boldness will come right for him.

Sampras too hot for ailing Agassi

NESHA STARCEVIC reports from Hanover

Every time Pete Sampras has played Andre Agassi over the past 15 months, his game seems to move to a new level. In the latest chapter in the rivalry hetween the two Americans, Sampras thrashed Agassi 6-2, 6-1 vesterday to begin his attempt to win a third ATP World Championship title.

"It was one of those days you wish you had every day." the top-ranked Sampras said after hreezing through in 51 minutes against an ailing Agassi, his fourth straight victory over his rival. "My tennis was the best I've played in a long time."
Agassi said he fell ill two days

hefore coming here to a combination of an upset stomach and head congestion. "I am still feeling weak, I wasn't fit to play. It wasn't enjoyable to go and play out there," he said.

Agassi said he might still decide to withdraw from the tournament, which would hring Sweden's Thomas Enqvist into the event for the top eight play-

Sampras conceded that Agassi may have had an off day, stayed alive in the tournament by

something to do with Agassi's leaving the American world No poor performance. "I was in a zone, I couldn't play any better. It was one of those days when

everything clicks," he said. Sampras completely dominated the match and the capacity crowd of 15,000 whistled and booed Agassi. "I thought they were pretty hard on Andre. I felt he was still competing out there, Sampras said. Sampras's victory was similar

to his win over Agassi in Stuttgart last month. This time, though, Sampras was even more devastating, winning all of his 19 first-serve points. This maybe outdoes it. I dropped my serve a couple of times in Stuttgart, ! didn't today."

Agassi needed six deuces to hold serve in the fourth game. Over the next nine games, he won six points. Sampras was all over him, serving aces, hitting fearsome returns and firing winners from all over the court. "Tye had spurts of tennis like this, but not for an entire match," he said. Agassi, a former world No 1

has not beaten Sampras since July 1995 in Montreal. Sampras now leads their series 12-8. Earlier, Thomas Muster

Intel 133MHz Pentrum' processor IP133 Officet or 6x86 P166+ processor manufactured by IBM IP166+ Office) Intel socket 7 with upgradeability to Intel Pentrum 200MHz 16Mb EDO RAM (P133 Officet or 32Mb EDO RAM (P166+ Office)

256k Pipcline burst mode cache 16b (P133 Office) or 26b (P166 + Office) Enhanced IDE hard disk Eight speed IDE CD-ROM drave

Eight speed Dic CD-HUM ding tregrated 16-bit streep sound, PC joystok & two sterep speakers 3.5" 1.44Mb Roppy dine Enhanced parallel, PSI2 mouse & two high speed senal parts 64-bit Integrated graphs stusses 1Mb RAM; switchable to 2Mb for

Aucrosoft Windows 95 with manual and CD
Lotus SmartSuite 96 for Windows 95 with Word Pro 96, Preslance 96,
Approach 96, 1-2-3, Organizer and SmartPics
INST TurboCAD for Windows CAD and design pack,
Fun School educational suite with Speting, Martis, Pami, & Create & more
GSP Software suite with Pressworks, Designants, Homewise and Money
Autoworks and Computerworks educational packs
To Execution ACL & Lebergraph Pro E71 and other forms.

unclosed vaceing out to constant under the constant of the con

14" IP133 Officei or 15" (P166+ Office) crisp sharp

FREE 28-8 Modern included with first 500 orders

PC Paintbrush, CV & Jobsearch Pro, EZ Language French,

28do NI SVCA screen

Pre-Loaded Software

105 Windows 95 keyboard and mouse Mich tower case with seven drive bays

Microsoft Windows 95 with manual and CD

German & Spanish Infopedia multimedia encyclopaodia CD

BodyWorks v5 multimedia CD WinTutor Windows 95 lutorial CD

Intust Outdoor v5 mustemedia CD

who has now dropped to No 7.

beating Michael Chang 6-4, 6-3,

out a victory in two matches. Chang virtually has no chance of advancing from his roundrobin group, while Muster is now 1-1, following his opening defeat to Goran Ivanisevic.

Muster came into the tournament with only two indoor match wins this year, hut he dominated Chang from the heginning, breaking the American's serve for a 2-I lead.

Muster had won only one of seven matches in previous appearances at the ATP seasonending event. But the former French Open champion was on top of his game. "It was nice to be able to play tennis, to get a chance to run and

fight for the balls. Yesterday, it

was a completely different situation," said Muster, who was beaten easily by Ivanisevic. "Michael wasn't as aggressive today as usual and he made some unforced errors. I served well in important moments, I

put him under pressure, especially at the end," Muster said. The eight players are split into two round-robin groups, with two men from each group ad-

cing to the semi-finals.



Results, Digest, page 31 Andre Agassi struggles in vain to find a way past Pete Sampras in Hanover yesterday

Seles retires injured

Monica Seles may finally have an operation on her shoulder after was she was forced to retire from the Chase Championship in New York vesterday because of the injury which has troubled her all year.

The world No 2 retired from the £1.25m season-ending event at 4-5 down in the first set of her first-round match against Japan's Kimiko Date, after an ice hag on her sore left shoul-der failed to alleviate the pain.

There were a couple of shots that made it even worse. and the pain just started shooting down my arm. Ali you can really do is ice it and numb it at that point," Seles said. The muscle tear in her shoul-

der has bothered Seles since her Australian Open victory in January, which was her only Grand Slam title of the year although she did reach the US Open hnal, losing to Steffi Graf. After Seles left the court,

Graf showed no mercy towards her Slovakian opponent, Karina Habsudova, overpowering her 6-1, 6-4 in 48 minutes.

Seles' withdrawal put the 2nyear-old Date's retirement on hold. The Japanese player now meets the 16-year-old Swiss girl Martina Hingis in the quarterfinals in what is her last tour-Photograph: Allsport nament as a professional player.

Whatever you want-MJN have the answer

Interest Free Credit

MUN have put together two superb high performance PC systems with a massive software bundle to provide you with everything you are ever likely to need. Take a closer look at the

amazing specification of these systems which are available on Interest Free Credit from only £58 per month. Early orders also qualify for a free 28.8 modern



MIN P133 Office 16Mb EDO RAM, 1Gb hard disk and

32Mb EDO RAM, 2Gb hard disk and

MUN Special Offers Extended November 22nd

ology Limited, Granville House, Blockburn Rd. Simonstone, Burnley, Lancs, 8812 7GT. Tel. 01 282 777 555. Fai 01 282 77 08 44. MIGO, Gramwise musics, and control developments, Burnley, Lancs, BB12 7G1. Tel. U. Account of the Control of th

Atlanta athletes face ban Drugs in sport

Four Olympic competitors face drug bans if the International Olympic Committee decides to re-test their urine samples from the Atlania Games.

The 1OC medical director, Patrick Schamash, has revealed there had been four unannounced "positive results" from Atlanta for anabolic steroids. But he said the IOC had not been satisfied about the reliability of the testing procedures conduct-ed on the high resolution mass spectrometer, used for the first time at an Olympics in Atlanta.

"They were positive results," he said. "Not positive cases. We are not 100 per cent sure that the tests were positive. We don't want to spoil the athletes' lives if we are not 100 per cent sure. We want to be very clear."

Schamash said a decision on whether or not to re-test the athletes' samples would be made in the next two weeks. The IOC has not revealed which athletes, and which sports they competed in, were involved.

"We will decide whether to re-test," he said. "There's no wish to hide something."

The Bulgarian women's triple jumper, Iva Prandzheva, and the Russian women's hurdler, Natalya Shekodanova, tested positive for steroids in Atlanta on the standard mass spectrometer and were banned for four years.

In Toronto, the Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, banned for life in 1993 after a second positive drug test, wants 10 be reinstated so he can run again and prove he is still "the best sprinter" in the world. "I just want to re-write the

books, and prove that I am still the best sprinter that ever ran track and field. I want to go back on the international circuit," he

Athletes setting world records at next year's Athens World Championships could earn a \$100,000 (£61,000) bonus, International Amateur Athletic Federation sources said yesterday. The IAAF council will make a formal decision next month whether to introduce prize-money at both its indoor and outdoor world championships.

Super League strives for the global game

bane, Canberra and the newly formed Adelaide Rams in the

qualifying rounds. Five Aus-

tralasian clubs will play in

Britain and France, as Paris

have against expectations been

included in the format, with the

two domestic competitions sus-

It is a far more complex for-

mula than the simple top four

lish clubs are very keen on it."

he said. They know it's going to

work. They can't lose any mon-

ey on it, because all their costs

Super League made a start on underwriting travel costs by

flying out two British-hased players, the Bradford Bull's

will be underwritten."

pended for the duration.

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD reports from Sydney

Aided and abetted by an unlikely supporter in Linford Christie, Super League in Australia made a brave attempt to hit the ground running when it launched the 1997 World Cluh Challenge here yesterday.

The programme for the first season of the bitterly contested new global face of rugby league reveals two periods of three weekends during which the game will make its most ambitious attempt yet to develop its international potential at club

During the first of them, from 6 to 23 June, the European Super League clubs - London, Leeds, Halifax, Wigan, Salford and Oldham - will be in Aus-

Robbie Paul and Paul Sculthortralia playing the likes of Bris- pe of Warrington, just for the

WORLD CLUB CHALLENGE TEAMS AND FIXTURES

EUROPE Poof At St Hollans, Wigon Warrington, Bradford Buds, London-Broxcos, Warrington Wolves, Halfars Blue State Pool St ShotField Engles, Othern Bears, Castellord Tigens, Leade, Peter St Germain, Sadord Reds, Auction Albertania, Pool At Shabers Broncos, Gonsal Is Sharles, Cambring Raddins, Auctional Warriors, Cartesbury Briddogs, Perinto Parallers, Pool St Adeleade Forms, Western Reds, Houtin Queensland Coulogs, Europe Marriers,

MACHIES in SALISTRALIA

7 James Pools Statent V Londors Conterns

MUCCHES REPUBLICATION

7 Jame: Proof Blastene v London; Centerra

9 hible; Cangerbury v Might. Pool & Adelade

9 Saldad; Right Queenstand v Leeds.

14 Jame: Plaid & Centerna v London; Centerbury. V Halling Bidshane v Wight. Pool & Adelatios V Leeng-Rorth Queenstand v Cicham Bean.

2.1 Jame: Pool & Cinterbury v London; Bidshane

v Heldin; Celiberra v Wight. Pool & Adelade v
Cicham; North Queenstand v Selland.

19 John Pool & Cinterbury v London.

19 July: Pool A Cromita v St Helens, Auctiand v Beadord, Peorth v Wartington, Pool 2 West-em v Sheffeld: Husser v Castlebrd.

MATCHES IN EUROPE

Castalend v Human; Shaffled v Western.
21. Januar Pout & St Heiens v Pernett: Bagdierd v Ctonulis; Warrington v Rucidend, Poul & Sheffled v Human; Perts v Western.
19. July: Poul A Wigan v Enstance: London v Cantierns; Heilflet v Cartierts; Poul 2 Oldrism v North Queerstant; Lends v Adelande.
28. July: Poul A Wigan v Contentury; London v Bolthams; Holidas v Cantierts; Poul 3 Saldred v North Queerstand; Oldrism v Adelande.
24. July: Poul A Wigan v Cantiertury; London v Bolthams; Holidas v Cantierts; Poul 3 Saldred v North; Queerstand; Oldrism v Adelande.
24. Australia: Poul A Wigan v Cantierture. 2 August: Podi A Wigisa v Centerre, London v Canterbuy; Hadas v Brichene, Pool B Leeds v North Queenstand; Sallord v Adelante.

launch. Paul, taking a hreak from his winter contract with Harlequins, was suitably upbeat despite his jet lag.

"It's going to create a lot more intensity in the game, which is what we need in England," he said. "Playing at Harlequins has shown me what a massive world-wide structure rugby union has got. This is the son of thing rugby league needs

play-offs originally envisaged, but Super League's Australian chief executive, John Ribot, naturalto put it on the world map." The other key dates for the ly believes that it will capture the public imagination. "The Enggame internationally will be next November, when Australia will embark on a three-Test tour of Great Britain - a venture that Ribot admitted was doubly important after the debacle of the recent Anglo-Kiwi series.

The Kangaroos will also play three English club sides on a tour which, along with the World Club Challenge final in Sydney a month earlier, is intended to provide a climax that will make sense of Super League's much vaunted "global vision".

"It takes our spon into another dimension." Ribot said.
As for Christie, he justified his fee by observing: "Although I'm virtually retired from athlettes, I'm still in shape if someone wants a winger.

It really must be the big league, even if the rough edges of a presentation staged just across Darling Harbour from the point where Bill Clinton embarked on a harbour cruise later yesterday harked back to a less sophisticated era.

Super League's signs had a nasty habit of falling down; it is to be hoped that their promises will stand up better.

Donald puts India on back foot

India 215 for 8 v South Africa

Allan Donald cut through the Indian middle order to reduce the hosts to 215 for 8 at the close of the opening day of the first Test against South Africa in Ahmedabad yesterday.

Donald picked up 3 for 33 from 23 overs after India had elected to bat. Sachin Tendulkar looked in excellent form before Jonty Rhodes threw himself to

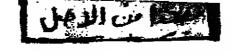
his left at midwicket to catch the Indian captain for 42 off Pat Symcox. The former captain Mohammed Azharuddin steadied the innings with 35 hut was run out by Rhodes immediately after tea.

ly differ total
First day, India won toss
BRDA - First innings
S V Menjieter is Adams
I'V R Montes law De Villers
R S Drawd law Symoon
S R Tendullar c Rinder o Symoon
M Atherudden run our
V V S Lasmen law Donakt
Sund John e Hudson is Donakt
J Srinstin c Cultern is Donakt
A Rumble not our.

Extres (67 ab.3) 10 Total (for 8) 216 Fait 1-22 2 63 3 48 4-129 5-198 6-165 T-193 8-196

T-193-8-198
To bate N D Hees, in
Bowling Donald 23-11-33-3, Do villers 15-3
53-1, McAller 11-3-314, Crone 12-3-8-0,
Adams 17-2-3ds 1, Swinces 21-3-8-2 (200),
SOUTH AFRICA - (R.1 Crone, A.1 Louise, D. C.
Kerton, D.1 Oldman, 1N Filmain, In M hepation, 1D J Rechardson, P.1 Syman, P.1 Sp Nul.
Jan, 4D J Rechardson, P.1 Syman, P.1 De Val.
Jacob, A.A Donald, P.R.Adams Fast bowler Glenn McGrath has passed a fitness test on a blis-

tered heel and plays for Australia in the first Test against West Indies in Brisbane tomorrow, Craig McDermutt and Damien Fleming are already out injured.



La del Aria arth torre da SMART APPROACH

Racing Citti Mikit.

 $\gamma_A (\mathrm{mat}(P))$

 $g_{ij} h w t k h \theta$

_: £.12 %**

A Section 1

a metern

. . . . Ks

1:12 57戦

11/18

... 1 . lew

Are hard

Little No. Linguist No.

11.742

1 ,33

PARTY IN

marriet 2. 🐗

... in 1100

beibne ut bes tittel Stiffe.

12.40 JOHN W HANDICA Judge 2 American (APP 10) 3 | Valle at | Belleti

CHAPEL OF BAN SHEARS IN I

McCoy 1 short of fastest bone block a more rece

Schelamore's recon leadest in tremmy 🖢 d Hant winners. 🚻 to the same of the same "Swam count for With Contract on Our Kempania Dating More A was last thickney are appeal three to the sm whop above on lines odeline ben for the right me

the product of the

Sporting bales, Promittelling time duced accounts w link The "Solver A her frings to a knowledge with the property of Kert's lowerst emission ornali and water are diversifying a section Coron Comments

THE INDEP 0891 2 THE OPPOSIT WARWICA WINCANTON 9 SEDGETIELD

0891 26

Heat one

"1" 7 Aug.

Company.

iek.

 $\leq 66 \chi_{\rm Mp}$

1.00 176.00

- - -

3.30 Second Call (nb)

Explanant, galleping rourse. Sun-in of 200yd.

Explanant, galleping rourse. Sun-in of 200yd.

Course is north-cast of town on B3081. Templecombe rail station (service from London, Waterino) from miles away. ADMCSSEON: Members 5 12.50 (Junior Members, 17 to 22 years, 58.50); Taxassulla 58; Course (and cast to course) 54. (Under 186 free into all exclosures). GAR PARE: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: M Page — 35 winners from 125 numbers gives a success ratio of 27.3% and a profit in a 51 level stake of 515.38; P Nicholis — 78 winners, 112 runners, 16.1%, 521.78; J Gilford — 11 winners, 72 runners, 15.3%, 525.38; E Hodges — 11 winners, 174 runners, 95%, 570.8, 525.38; E Hodges — 11 winners, 174 runners, 95%, 570.8; E LEADING JOCKEYS: E Durretoody — 29 winners, 124 rides, 23.4%, 438.17; J Colorne — 15 winners, 65 rides, 22.1%, 45.40; A McCoy — 11 winners, 66 rides, 16.7%, 528.34; G Bradley — 8 winners, 37 rides, 21.8%, 459.23; BLINGSKEED FYEST TIME: Socrabled Pflyins (2.00); Mr Jasper (4.00). Winners in The LAST SEVEN DAYS: Second Call (3.30) won at Towrester up Thursday.

Richards strengthens his Cup hand

GREG WOOD

Penniless punters trying to find their bus fare home from the track could do a lot worse at present than to try to tap Gordoo Richards for a tenner. The new jumps season could hardly have started any better for the man from Greystoke, with 23 winners from 47 runners for a strike-rate which nudges 50 per cent, and yesterday he had a double cause for celebration as the victory of Unguided Missile at Haydock and the defeat of Suny Bay at Kemptoo both tightened his grip on the Hennessy Gold Cup, to be run at Newbury on Saturday week.

Unguided Missile's three rivals for the Edward Hanmer Memorial included Gales Cavalier, who beat Viking Flagship at Cheltenham last season, and last year's Hennessy winner Couldnt Be Better, but despite lacking a previous run he beat them both with conspicuous

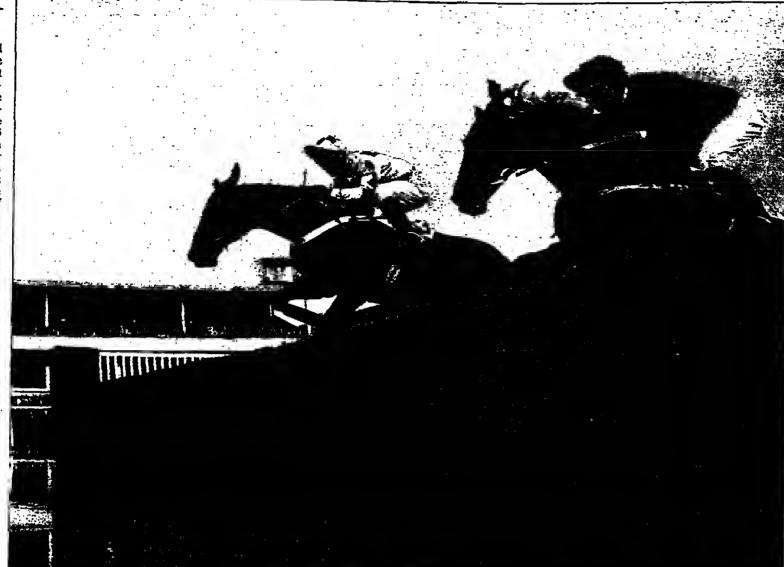
None the less, he remains a 12-1 chance for the Hennessy with William Hill, but the principal reason for such apparent generosity is that another of Richards's entries, recent Ayr winner The Grey Monk, is an impregnable favourite at 7-4.

"I have to be pleased with that, he did it very well," Richards said. "The Greenalls Gold Cup might be a realistic target later in the season, and I am sure he is the type to handle Aintree in due course."

Unguided Missile is just one of four Greystoke entries for the Hennessy. "I thought it was well worth leaving all four in the race and at this stage I'm leaving my options open," the trainer said. The Grey Monk did it very well and I thought Addington Boy ran a smashing race in the Murphy's Gold Cup. Certainly, though, I would have to say that The Grey Monk is the main one at the momeot."

The nearest rival to The Grey Monk in the ante-post betting is Challenger Du Luc, the Murphy's winner, at 6-1, with Billygoat Gruff and Coome Hill oo 8-1 and Addington Boy a 10-1 chance.

Couldnt Be Better, who finished within hailing distance of Unguided Missile yesterday only because Richard Dunwoody bad eased the winner to a walk, is 12-1 to repeat last



tionless in the saddle, and will

clearly be one of the season's

Before racing at Kempton

yesterday, the course disclosed

that a sponsor has been found for the track's valuable Christ-

12 226743 THE CROSSING DIST Exemin 5 10 12.

leading novices over hurdles.

Eventual winner Unguided Missile (far side) and Gales Cavalier clearing the water jump at Haydock Park yesterday

year's Hennessy success. "I was pleased with his run and it means that he doesn't have to carry a peoalty," Charlie Brooks, his trainer, commented later.

Less encouraging for Brooks, however, was the performance of Suny Bay in the Limber Hill Chase at Kempton, Suny Bay set out as the 5-1 second favourite for the Hennessy, but. failed to recover from a mistake on the far side on the final circuit before finishing well-beat-

en behind Trying Again. The leading bookmakers immediately removed him from their Hennessy betting, and novice hurdle which opened the

Suny Bay broke a blood vessel. "My horses have been running very well, but this is a worry because it might indicate some sort of viral or bacterial infection," Brooks said.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP; Chickawicka (Warwick 3.50) NB: Bironi (Wincanton 2.00)

A second impressive success for a northern yard at Haydock was that of Marello, a threetime bumper winner, in the

ing Day and the Christmas Hurdle 24 hours later. Pertemps, current sponsors of the St Leger at Doncaster, will support the meeting after signing a "substantial" one-year

Mary Reveley's mare beat deal, and contribute a propor-Nigel Twiston-Davies's Queen tion of the £270,000 available in Of Spades - who started the 1-2 added prize-money.

favourite - by two and a half Kempton also announced lengths, with Peter Niven moplans for an £8.4m redevelopment of their facilities. Work will start at the course in February, conceotrating principally on the grandstand and re-siting of the paddock immediately behind it, and should be finished in time for the King George mas meeting, which includes the King George VI Chase on Box-

HEMNESSY COGNAC BOLD CUP: Lad-broken: 7-4 The Grey Monk, 8-2 Sury Bay, Blygoxt Gulf & Cratterger Du Luc. 10-1 Addington Bay & Cotter Hat, 11-2 Coxder, Be Better, 12-2 General Cock & Johnny Se-taside, 15-2 bar, 7-2 with a nuy Unguided Massie, Corat: 7-4 The Grey Monk, 7-2 Bil-lygost Graff, 10-1 Addington Boy, Chellenger Ou Luc & Coombe Hill, 12-1 Festhered Cale, General Coack & Johnny Setsanda, 14-1 ber,

Jimmy Frost was detained in hospital last night with suspected chest injuries after a fall at Hereford yesterday. The 38year-old jockey was unseated from Bishop's Castle at the fifth fence and was kicked by

other horses.

Another rider, Tom O'Connor, was also taken to Hereford County Hospital after a fall from Baxworthy Lord in the same race. He was concussed but was not detained.

Photograph: David Ashdown Frost hurt in fall

SEDER HYPERION

12.40 Antartictem 1.10 Baher 1.40 Springhill Quay 2.10 Royal Saxon 2.40 Val De Rama 3.10 SMART APPROACH (nap) 3.40 Shining Edge

GOING: Good.

E. Left-hand, undulating course, Easy fraces and long run-to on cluser course of 500yds.

Course is one mile south-east of town near junction of A689 and A177. Bus service from Stockton station (Nm) or Durham station (12m). ADMISSION: Paddock 63 (QAPs 54); Course 52. CAB

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Flyaway Bines (12.40), Rye Crossing (1.40), Alicharger (visored, 1.40).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LONG DISTANCE BUNNERS: Copper Coll (3.10) has been sex.
1941 miles by W Times from Corten Denham, Somezact; Royal Socon (2.10) sent 291 miles by P Bowen from Haverfordwest, Dyfed;
United Front (3.40) sent 262 miles by J Neville from Newport,
Gwent.

12.40 JOHN WADE HINO TRUCK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450

		acioca ziii A
ι	426-305	ANORAK (13) (CD) G Moore 8 12 0
!	F642	PLYNWAY BLUES (15) (BF) Mrs M Revoley 4 11 10
ι	R012-45	TREE BALLA (5) (CD) P Mortoin 7 11 6
!	58PV-P60	CHAPEL OF BARRAS (14) (D) 6 Geo 7 11 7 16 P Bee
	90-1624	\$96040 (37) (8F) 8 Moore 4 11 4
i	564F-00	SAYRAF DANCER (6) Mrs. A Natural von 7 11 2
•	1635-53	ANTARTOCTERN (13) G Oldroyd 8 11 2 @ Cabl [3]

11 SOUPO C SHATOP (21) (CD) Mes E Moscop 7 (00
- 11 declared - Malmum welft: 10st. The tendent welfte: Henri	C McConnect (7) 8
LID FIST SIN.	
DETTING: 5-2 Flymony Mines, 7-2 Antartichies, 9-2 Analum, 7-1 Stream, 10-2 Amerik, 20-1 Others	Ply To The End, 8-1 7H-

1.10 HATHAWAY'S LADIES HANDICAP H (CLASS F) £2,650 added 2m 5f J Miles E.J. Jones (7)

- 8 declared -Minimum enight: 10st. True handlong weights: We're in The Motory Set 40. BETTING: 11-4 Mano, 3-1 Separtop, 8-2 Gaber, 4-1 Memettin, 7-1 Paggy Gardon, 8-1 Tan Salifier, 14-1 where

8 0503/5-0 WE'RE IN THE MONEY (5) Mos J Bover 12 10 0.

8	Γ:	L40	W. A. STEPHENSON MEMORIA	AL NOVIC
0			CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 ad	
	1	42-P123	LE DENSUM (8) (CD) Mis O Thomson 9 11 4.	T Rec
_	2	5/03P-60	OVERWHELM (II) Y Thompson 611 2	
7	3		ALFE Mrs M. Roveley 7 10 12	P 10m
-	4	350-P56	ALICHARGER ON P Morenth 6 10 12	
8	. 5	F2263-1	BASSENFULLY (12) M/3 P Sy 6 10 11	R Mark
	6		CALLERNOY (200) 0 Larts 6 10 11	
	7	405463-	CAMPTOGALINUS (177) O Alder 7 10 11	K Johnson
٠.	8	030064-	DARK BUOY (229) 8 Machagain 7 10 12	E Store
•		51	DAWN UAD (9) Was A Swinbank 7 10 11	
	10		MOUNTAIN FOX (13) V Thompson 6 10 12	
				dr M Thomas
	11	121/104	OUT COMPRESSOR L Lunga 8 10 12	M Dane

	. 13 C-C3-50 Seet LON WINNIE Lat M MEASE P 20 15 Authoris
- (7) S	14 SPERIOR BLL QUAY G RICHWOL 7 10 12 A Dobbin
	15 31005-0 SHALLOW RIVER CLIR ROOMS \$10.11
130. SW.	15 245-225 TWO FALLS OR 6 Moore 5 10 11
	-15 declared -
BM, 8-17H-	BETTHE: 11-4 Rys Crossing, 3-1 Springfull Quay, 5-2 Out Contare, 6-1
	Bessenheity, 16-1 Le Desettes, 12-1 Tein Falls, 16-1 others
HURDLE	A 4 OT COLIN MACANDREW HANDICAP CHASE AND
1.10yds	2.10 COLIN MACANDREW HANDICAP CHASE AM- ATEURS (CLASS F) £3,600 added 3m 3f
P Jenes (5) .	1 331215 SCRUBO VIEW (5) P Beaumont 8 12 7 Mr 5 Soiers B
V Holes (7)	2 #2343- ROYAL SACON (285) P Bowen 10 12 6 Mr R Thornton (5)
Roboton (5)	3 POPEA SPUDONE HALL MA I PROGRAM 9 12 1 APP MARKET

QUALP HISTOCANE ANDREW CLA J Mage 811 13 Jile N Wilson & 3-F02LD OFF THE BSIC (12) Has \$ Bradbure 11 11 12. Nr N Brade 4515-0P GNA WITER (8) 7 Dun 10 11 11 FP44P-3 LEMINAL PROCESS (20) J Newton 10 11 5.

— 8 sectored — RETUNE 7-2 Strato Viru, 8-2 Royal Status, Sparrow Hall, 9-2 Elector Daws, 7-1 Labethall Princess, 9-1 Harricano Andrew, 14-1 others AND WASHINGTON HOSPITAL HANDICAP CHASE

4	40	(CLASS F) £3,500 added 2m 110yds
1		SISTER ROSZA (100) (D) Was S Lamman 6 11 11 A Dobbi
2	31310-1	BRIAR'S DELENT (15) RABIN 811 10
1	P-123J2	VALUE RAMA (5) (C) Done Smith 7 11 4
4	413334	REVE DE WALSE (25) R Johnson 9 11 0 X Johnson
5	2312F	CRICULATION (5) (CD) O McCam 10 10 0
6	550 P44	MASTER SALESHAN (B) (D) Nos V Word 13 100
		_ S. electronal _

Min weight: 10st. Time weights: Circulation Set 13th, Marter Salesman Set 98: SETTIME 5-2 Briefs Deligat, Val de Renne, 4-1 Circulation, 5-1 Nove de Valor, 12-1 Stater Rosca, Marter Salesman

	[3.10	L.C.L. PILS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 3m 3f 110yds
	1	520125	ARRANGE A GAME (5) Mas J Bower 9 11 3 \$ Tentor (5)
	2		SMEANIESTER (10) (RF) (Lungo 6 11 3
	3		SMARE APPROACH (8) (6F) Mrs M Reveloy 6 10 12
	4		CLONROCHE LUCKY (405) Wasts 6 10 10
	5		COPPER COSE (7) W Turner 6 10 10 Power (7)
	š		(CHOCKERDE (194) F Murphy 7 10 10
	7		EA CHARCE (12) Mrs H Wester 6 10 10
	•	•	Afr A Wellow
	a	MICK PE	RUSER (10) R Thorson 9 10 10
	8	55070V	WOODSTOCK LODGE (875) V Prompson 8 10 10
		arrace.	
	10	. 0-	HADJANEY LAD (200) J Howard Johnson 4 10 9
	44		
	11		MENSHAAR (10) L. Lurgo 4 10 9M Dwyer
•	11		DEAR JEAN (5) M Sowersby 6 10 5 D Parties
	13	003-433	DRE MORE DINE (S) I Neethern 6 10 5
			Libr R Thornton (5)
	14	4350-44	OUR RANGON (LS) Mrs P Sy 4 10 4
	. 2	THR: 11-4	Sweethicker, 7-2 Copper Dolf, 4-1 Sweet Approach, 7-1 Mon-
	ers ers		octórido, 12-1 Our Ralabow, 14-1 Hadeway Lad, 15-1 oth-
		40	SEDGEFIELD PADDOCK BOOKMAKERS
	_		HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f
	1	1232-64	SHEWE EDGE (17) T Englishy 4 11 10
	2		EDEN DANCER (LID) REF) Mrs M Reveley 4 11 7 P Nives
	3		THEFED FROM TO ON J Node 4 11 0

McCoy two short of the fastest 100

Tony McCoy now needs just two more winners to beat Peter Scudamore'a record of the fastest-ever century of Nationebual Hunt winners. The champion jockey reached the 98-winner mark for the seasoo with a victory on Quini Eagle in

Kempton's last race yesterday. McCoy was last night considering an appeal against a three-day ban, imposed for whip abuse on Tuesday, which sidelines him for the Hennessy Gold Cup.

Sporting Index, the sports. spread betting tirm, has introduced accounts with limited risk. The "Select Account" offers punters a known maximum; win or loss on every bet, the market's lowest minimum stakes overall, with a guarantee that losses cannot exceed more than £50 on a minimum stake bet.

1.10:1. MARSELLO (P Nacri) 2-1; 2. Queen of Spanies 1-2 thr, 3. Anglescey Sea View 20-1, 11 ram. 2½, 28. (Ars M Reveloy, Seithurn). Tota: £2.80; £1.30, £1.10, £1.90. Dual Forecast: £1.30. Correcter Straight Forecast: £3.37. Tho: £2.50.

1.40: 1. SAMPT CREI. (R Supple) 11-8 law; 2. Chross Line 7-2; 3. Desert Fighter 5-1, 7 ram. 3½, 2. (F-Jordan, Leomineter). Tota: £1.90; £1.20, £2.10. Dual Forecast: £2.90. CSF. £6.22.

2.10: 1. UNGUIDED MISSILE (R Dunwoody 10-11 fav; 2. Couldn't Be Better 11-4; 3. Gales Caveller 5-2. 4 ren. 4, 20; (G Richards, Greystoke). Total: £1,70. Dust Forecast: £2,30. CSF: £3,53. Non Ruomer. 2.40: 1 TULLYMURRY TOFF (E Calegrer)

2.40: 1. TULL'IMMURRY TOFF (E Calleghart).
3-1; 2. Myttoni's Choice 3-1; 3. Tumpoles
8-2 tav. 6 ram. 3½, 3. (J Jefferson, Metson).
Totac £3.30; £1.40, £1.80. Dual Fornces:
£5.00. CSP, £11.29. Non Runner. Little Gunner (10-1) was withdrawn not

ner. Little Gunner (10-1) was withdrawn not under orders; Pale 4 applies to all bers, deduction 5p in the pound.

3.10: 1 THUMES UP R DUTWOOD! 13-8 fav; 2. Spenish Light 11-4: 3. Rebes King. 13-2. 5 rate. 7, 11. (G McCourt, Wartage). Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.30. Duel Foreoss: £3.40. CSF: £6.33.

3.40: 1 WALLE DEFRUMS (C Lieue) pp 8-13 fav; 2. Desert Force 4-1; 3. Country Store 16-1. 4 rais. 4, 20. (N Twistory-Dawes, Chebenham). Tote: £1.60. Duel Foreoss: £3.24. Non Computer Straight Foreoss: £3.24. Non

Computer Straight Forecast: £3.24. Non Runner: Better Bythe Glass. Oundpot: £9.50. Placapot: £9.20. Place 8: £9.91. Place 5: £9.47.

12.50: 1. CANARY FALCON IN Winning-ton 13-2: 2. Salley 7-1; 2. Regarderin Region 6-1. B ran. 4-1 for Nothing Doing. 24, 3. (ROSallem, Windowsby, Totar 25-50; 22-20, £2-20, £1-40. Dual Forecast £45-50. Computer Straight Forecast £44-31. 7ndast £239.94. Trac \$31-80.

22-24-34. Into 231-20.

1-20: 1. WIRLIGAN (A Maguint) 4-6 tex.

2. Wide Music 12-1; 3. Feet The Power
6-4. 4-10s. 11, 6. (D Nicholson, Temple Gaiting). Tota: 21.40. Dual Forecast 22.90, CSF:
88.98.

\$6.96.

1.50: 1. NOT FOR TURNING () Octome)
3:1 tip? 2. Royat Event 7-1; 3. Halorin 11-2
16 ran. Int. 3. () Shewood, Upper Lambourd.
Toba: \$4.70: 12.40. 12.80, 12.30. DF:
125.70. CSF: \$24.77. This: \$27.90.
2.20: 1. TRYING ARAIN () Octome) 15-8
tag 2. Old Bridge 7-2; 3. Lactomatem 50-1.
7. ran. 7: 4. () Gendollo, Wantage), Total:
12.70: \$1.30. \$2.40. Dust Forecast: \$5.50.

RACING RESULTS 2.50: 1. TIM () Opportug 15-2: 2. High Brade 8-1: 3. The Tobsench 3-1. 5 ren. 6-11 for Craprissis (4th.) 5, 2. () Jerfora, Roya-ton). Tobs: £8.50; £2.00, £3.90. DF: £12.70. CSF: £88.49.

3.30: Bend-heat 1. SERUDE NOT TO ()
Osborne) 7-4: Dend-heat 1. FREE THYNE ON
A Fingarnali 6-4 fee; S. Apple John 4-1. 4
ras, desd-fr., dist. (O Sherwood, Upper Lam-bours & Mrs A Perrett, Pulboraugh). Total: win
Fine Thyne £1.20, Berude Not To £1.10. DF:
£1.70. OSF: Fine Thyne, Benude Not To £2.19,
Berude Not To, Fine Thyne £2.22,
3.50: 1. QUIMI EAGLE (A P MCOpt 11-4
fine; 2. Just's finisher 12-1; 3. Shebels 161.20 rass, 2½, 6. (M Pipe, Westragord). Total:
£4.10; £2.00, £5.90, £24.00. DF: £40.40.
CSP: £46.47. Trick not won.
Placespot; £61.20, Quadpet: £21.90.
Places St; £33.98. Places S; £43.28. 3.20; Deed heat 1. SERUDE NOT TO U

HEREFORD

Tric. £121.60.

1.30: 1. POTTERS PET (Mr.A Belding 11-1;
2. Prendent Paggy 10-2; 3. Wayteshill 4-2;
co fev. 13 rem. 4-1 co fev Wheet's Willia (6c).
12-, 7. (J. Mutting): Totax: £18.00; £5.50,
£2.40; £1.70. DP. £55.60. CSP £113.99.
Tricans: £485.55. Tota: £128.50.
2.00: 1. £10WWM PATH (J. Harris) 3-1;
2. Limingurgod Namins 7-2; 3. Socily "em 141. 3 rem. 6-4 fev Alco's Mirror, 13, 1%. (R. Hodges). Totax: £3.40; £1.60, £1.10, £2.50.
DP: £17.00. CSP: £14.18. Tricast: £119.07.
Tric: £3.10.20.

Tio: £110.20.
2.30: 1. DON' BU CADRAN (A Thomps)
6-1; 2. Nount Georgia 8-1; 3. Cardinal Rule
25-1, 11 nps, 7-4 by What's Your Stay, 7.
25. (T Pecstar). Totes: £7, 70; £1, 80, £2, 80,
£8.90. Dr. £57.80. CSP. £52.44. 28.90. Dr. £57.00. CSP. £52.44.
3.00:1. 1£TS BE FRANK (R. Johnson) 2-2 Sur, 2. Resear's Recent 7-1; 3. Clod Hoper 10-1: 15 zer. 9, 2. Clod 7 Chancel, Totar £2.60; £1.10, £2.40, £2.60. Dr. £10.40.
CSF: £17.98. Tácner £117.44. Táto £28.50.
3.30: 1. \$COTTISH BANKEI (A. Thombar) 7-4 zer. 2. Poucher 5-1; 3. Northern Sanger 9-1. 12 zer. 10, 12. p. Wester. Totar £27.0; £1.50. £1.40. £4.30. Dr. £9.40. CSP. £12.47. Treast: £62.59. Totar £52.50. Non. £12.61_Tresst: £62.99. Trip: £52.90. Non

12.0. Indian 18234 Inc. 18250 Heart Runner North Valley 4.00: 1 MELSTOCK MERCHE (0 Heart 9-1; 2 Lovely Running 4 He, 3. Kontheet 9-2, 13 was 2, 1% (des) Parrari, Total 27.40; 22.00; 51.20, 52.70. DP. 512.60. CSF: £28.49, Troy £33.80. Jackgot not won (pool of £2,287,75 carried forward in Warrack missy).

Placepost £467,70,Qamepost £26,80.

Place S: £383,55. Place S: £94,84.

WARVICK

HYPERION L20 Channel Pastime 1.50 Shuttlecock 2.20 away Pete 2.50 Dromhans 3.20 Sounds Strong 3.50 Chickawicka

Course is west of elty on B4094. Buses from stations at War-wick (1m) and Learnington Sps (2m). ADMISSION: Club 512 (16 to 24-year-olds 58); Tamersal's 58; Course 55. CAR PARK:

VISORED FIRST TIME: Evento Enfo (3.50).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN IMYS: Nove.
LONG-DISTANCE FUNNIERS: Sancianai, (2.50) has been sen. 151
miss by J Berry from Cockethem, Lancachire, Colour Scheme (1.50)
sen. 147 miles by H Home from Onliforthridge, Devon; Ennaway
Pete (2.20), Peptic Lady (2.50) & Brenk The Enles (3.50) sen.
140 miles by M Pipe from Nicholanhayne, Devon.

1.20 ETHELFLEDA'S MOUNT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 47 110yds

CUPOLS- EASTERN MARK (247) (D) Capt T Forser 10 10 0 ... A Bates

- 6 declared -BETTRYG: 7-4 Hapjack Lad, 11-4 Channel Postines, 3-1 Healey Wood, 7-1 Cracking Press, 10-1 Rher Red, Eastern River

1.50 HARBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m 3f 002010- COMMEN STEPTOE (196) Mass H Krigs: 6 11 10

114302 MACRETTS CROSS (2) P Errics 9 31 8 A Words (7)
012 SHATTLEDOCK (23) (EF) Vers N Mecadey 5 11 4 A Magnire
302024-0 JOHN HAMAN (21) 9 Geogry 7 10 13 S Supple (7)
52 CPC GEOMETRIC (23) State of p 7 10 8 Me 1 L L Levelly 0 13 . SFP-6P COMMANCIE STORM (13) W March 4 10 0 Mr P Scott

10 January Communication Serving pay in metal of 10 Community of Serving 11 and 12 and BETTWIG: 7-2 Shottleroots, 9-2 Tamaraia, 6-1 Haciasta Cross, 7-2 Cooreal
BETTWIG: 5-2 Chickandida, 3-2 Steak The States, 5-1 Harricana Latto,
Bington, 6-1 Gamaraiar, 10-1 Mr Rough, Succleopis, 14-1 effects
2 Microrne Bay, White Clarat, 10-1 Mr Rough, Succleopis, 14-1 effects

00612/0 TRRHAZ (180) Mrs A Swetch 5 10 13 ... 33-2224 MONOS (18) 6 Moore 5 10 13 ... 55-P3SP COURT KINER (10) H Alexander 4 10 0 ... 5 declared -Africum neight: 10st. The handlesp weight: Court John Set 12b, SETTEM: 2-1 Shaing Edge, 3-1 Eden Descer, 5-2 Henios, 5-1 United Presi, 8-1 Timité, 14-1 Court John 2.20 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCI-ATION SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (QUAL FER) (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 3f 3501-10 TERN MY 127 6 Lieuseyn 6 11 0 V Sintlery F012-16 REPRESENT PETE 122 (20) M POR 8 11 0 A P McCoy 22311-4 MYALDE R) (50 Gernoto 7 11 7 Sophie Michael (5) F01/613 GROUSEMAK (2011 (b) MS H Kright 10 11 6

5 5105 DOMAFFEL 279 Was J Cacil 4 10 11 T Kent 6 10 WORSFORD HEL (969) P Hobbs 5 10 0 A Magaine 7 000-001 ROSENALI (18) gab) Not J Piscegon 5 10 0 G Hogan (5) -7 declared - Marketinum selight; 10st. True translation prolefast: Roselvell 6st 7s. SETTRES: 12-4 Granzesma, 3-1 Researcy Pote, 7-2 Khalidi, 9-2 Domanpet, 6-1 Tose Jay, 8-2 Winstord Hist, 40-1 Roselvell

2.50 SHIPLEY MAIDEN CHASE (CLASS D)

3.20 SHIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS B) £10,000 added 3m 2f 2/1F 2 SOURCE STRONG (25) O Nicholson 7 11 4 A Magnin 3/3111 PULL OF ONTS (264) (20) Mess H Knight 10 11 2

3.50 ASHORNE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m

MR DARCY P Webber 4 10 12 ---60.3 SMOLENSK (12) (Sery 4 10 12 P.2 TOMML (SS) Ringson 4 10 11 43- WHATE CLARET (456) R Reduct 4 10 12 408-882NTS GRU (1146) R Southelon 6 10 7 PERSAM BUTTERFLY R Strong 4 10 7 __ 35 THE DEACONESS (15) Mis A Virg 5 10 7, - 15 declared -

1.30 (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m Penaity Value £2,268 HETTING: 8-11 Arbby Hill, 6-2 Wayfarers Wey, 8-1 Sermin 1965: Pour Laver 5 11 1 M Dwyer 8-1 (D Gandolfo) 11 mm ASKINY MILL has improved two stones on official First ratings since she last ran over hurders, without go the since in the process, most recently at Salisbury (1m) has month. Admined Rower's mare showed only moderate form in seven runs over traber last season, a 30-length fourth to by Effith at Plumpson in March being as close as sine girt to a win. Lack of stamma seamed a problem, but this two miles, on ground reporting the stat side of good, should not be a problem and Anhly Hill will not need to repeat the improvement site showed on the Fart to win the weak race. The garge and my about also be in Waysfarense Way's favour. Nickly theoderson's golding seaming to struggle in deed ground at Stratford last time. On hits last vice fiere in March fon test ground), he had just taken the lead when falling two out in a 16-runser packer hardle with by Marazz. The return to two miles will suit Samalia Hass after his Husbington flop last time. Calvere lacks a recent flint, so Eleanor Misses, who made the running when a length and a quanter second to Lorcarjo at Humingdon May, looks the Stelly pacamater and her best policy is surely to stretch the stamma MY MILL has improved two stones on official Flat ratings since she last ran over h 6 P-34551 SERLA MINIST SN IT A Jonney I Mes C Johnson State Colonial State Coloni Although the mount of Advan Maguire, ZAITOON needed his Chepstow return in a hand-lizab hurdle and went off a bigger pince then his gambled-on stublemate hydron's Choice, who duly won, with Zaitoon weatering into stub place. The five-year-old will strip much inter for the run and pegins his life in choices on a good mark, David Nicholson frequency gives his horses their choicing debuts in provide handleags and this looks a good opportunity, Mantieers Millron's task, at Carline was made much easier by Rich Design brighting from his the mans still immorrance in product his himself was the first the history. turnly. Mantiners: Micros's tack at Cortise was made much easier by Rich Destre breaking down, but the mains sit impressed in making all, jumping web. Even with 12st 10s, site is to granger. Legal Arthat has much more on his plate then when winning at Ludlow last time and the penalty could anchor him. A bigger threat should be Birrout, numer-up in his last three races, including when beston hour lengths by Michaedo at Uttrauher on his reappearance. He is sum to have come on for the run. The booking of Richard Durwoody for the relatively unexposed point winner Highland Jack cauches the eye, while Rassaulant and Whisty should both win chasts, judged on what they should over further session. Selection: ZartOON 2.30 HAMILTON LITESTAT HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £10,000 addled 3m 1f 110yds Penalty Value £6,775 PS34234 - RASHITHERASH (ES44) (D) Or G Maxim Mohano C Egerton 10 11 11 ...

S255-SP TUG OF PEACE (12) (CD) (P Redenderd G Baking 9 11 0 ...

PS22224 LE MERLE (224) (V) Marchen A Javis 7 110 ...

11 - ANDRE LANK (254) (MS O'DEScoper Weight K Bakey 7 10 11 ...

43122P BERUREPARE (225) (Pel-Med Penness R Airer 6 10 9 ... 41-1133 RUNDOW CASTLE (S) (BF) Licting Hords) P Nicholls 6 10 8 ... 1581.0/4- List INVADER (382) (M A Buddingsort) N Goscies 8 10 3 BETTINE: 100-30 Lis Hellie, 7-2 Anthra Lavest, 9-2 Rainhow Costio, 8-1 Beaumpoine, 7-1 Mr Investor, 8-2 Plausithecasts, 10-1 Top of Pouce.

1995: Smith's Band 7-11 6 R Favort 9-1 (Mrs J Planet) 12 ran FORM GUIDE

LE MEILLE'S chase wins lost season came first time out at Cheltenham (when he benefitied from the mulish behaviour of Pridwell) and at Uttowater in March, when he was resturning from a direct-month break, so lack of a product, nor this season should not be a problem. On his firnel start lost season, La Maille finished four lengths second to Proud Sun at Cheltenham and that winner, along with the third, General Rusty, give the form a boost when numing so well in the Whitbread from our of the hendcap. With the ground to suit, he can make a winning return. Relatione Castle must be the fluxes of these and hest brice been third, to Special Account here and to Lord Of The West at Lustice, since he won his first two starts at Newton Abbot. He books to have enough weight, though. This Of Peace has been disappointing in both starts to tom to have enough weight, though. This is best wetched even though he has slipped to a good mark, Audre Lavel, whince of four of his six links points in 1995, won both starts over fences last season. Gifted the first of them at Notingham by the last-lence field of Firmsy Tritth, he had to pull out all the stops to hold Justice at Windsor and does not look well treated in this first hendicap. Realithecash returns on a good mark compared with when winning on his lettest sont at Aimtee in April 1995 and is worth hearing an eye or. Beautiverse proved consistent last season and has good place prospects, although the run is likely to be needed. Mr leveder returns from a year off having run just once lost season.

Selections LE MERLE | 3.00 | TOTE RETTING SHOP HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 | acided 2m Perraity Value £3,470 |
| 263-113 | HAMILTON SILK (12) (b) (Bite Racing Dub) M Poe 4 11 0 | R Districtly 2 40-4022 | MORSTOCK (15) (00) (Ms M Farbarri R Hodges 6 10 10 | 7 Discounde (3) |
| 36503-2 | PHAR FROM FININY (12) (D) (Ms E A Haycock) G Baiding 5 10 6 | R Featbook 312/014 | MSION OF PREEDOM (174) (D) (M J Recot S Cole 8 10 5 | R Thomston - 4 declared - |

1.30 Ashby Hill 2.00 Zaltoon

2.30 Andre Lava

FORM GUIDE

Hackillane Stilk went up 13ib for his wins at Chepstow (Free Hendicap Hurdle) and Warwick (easily best the only other finisher, Natzeni, so his third so Crack On at Sandown less
time was a good effort. It still means he has enough weight though and PHAR FROM
FUNNIY will prove tough in recept of 22th, Toby Behlding's numer wound up last season
with an impressive success from Amaze at Ascot and showed that he would soon be winring again when clussing home Potentiate (subtlements to Hamilian Stilk on the return at
Chepstow. He needed that run and will apprepare the faster ground here. Monstock found
Mouse Bird much too good at Newton Abbot last time and probably has enough weight,
although the fact that both his wins have been over course and distance on good ground
is propuring. Vision Of Freedom needed his first run last yeer and that may again
prove the case, atthough these conditions will sun.

Selectiact: PHAR FROM FLINKY 3.30 ERF INITERSALLS (INSLAND) MARIE NOVICE CHASE (QUAL-IFIER) (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m Penalty Value £3,457 OFFIC2-1 SECOND CALL (7) (0) UH Day) Capt F Foster 7-11 4 R Day
2/20-31 SECOND CALL (7) (0) UH Day) Capt F Foster 7-11 4 R Day
2/20-31 SECONDA (243) Mrs J R Powell N Tweton-Dayes 6-10-12 C Le
43336-6 KOO'S PROMISE (245) (6 A Worsen Lanted) C Pootam 5-10-12 T Descor
P562/4P UP THE TEMPO (15) (Wywen Racing) Pacity Famili 7-10-12 A Th ETTING: 5-4 Second Call, 11-8 Guinda, 6-1 Bridepark Rose, 20-1 Keo's Promise, 20-1 Up Th

BETTMC: 11-10 Hamilton Silk, 5-2 Pher From Foury, 5-2 More 1995: Lightening Lad 7 11 5 G Upon 4-6 () King 8 rah FORM GUNDE

FORM GUIDE SECOND CALL has shown superior form to Gulada over hundles but she was let down by her jumping last season when tried over fences. Tim Forser's more did complete on her final start at Nottingham, going down a length and a hair to Anthre Lusel gine would only have been third had Fillinsy Time not faller at the last) despite being far from fluent. Second Call did much bester on her return when acoding by 14 lengths from Key To Moyade at Towcester a week ago. The roce did not take much winding with Thinking Pwice needing the run and Rolfe breaking a blood vessel, but she thinked with only a single error and can commune the improvement. Sungla won her first two over hundles last seatons and as a leason of the last proposed as the last place. for any can compare the improvement, council with refer say, to the faulter say seen, here and at Alichee, and did pretty well in the Noechst Panacus Final on heavy ground at Newbury when sooth to Oatis Rose under top weight. She should win races over fences. Bridepark Rose is the other worth a mention, Very lightly raced in recent seasons, she was an encouraging that to The Last Fining on her reappearance at Bangor last month and unseasted early in Micherado's Uttowater race last time.

Selections SECOND CALL.

4.00 GREAT WESTERN NOWCE HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 2m 6f Penalty Value £3,834

Managorio, 20-1 others. 1998: See More Business 5 11 8 A P McCoy 2-5 (P Nicholis) 10 ran FORM QUIDE

HEINTERS ROCK, a dual bumper winner on fast ground in Ireland, opened his account in this country when stepped up to three and a quarter miles at Heireford and impressed at Cheffenham last time when easily bearing Tipping The Line. Kim Sailey's numer must carry a double penalty, but he looked a good prospect last time and the dightly shorter by should not be a problem. Captain last, a smart staying handicapper for Luca Currian' in 1994, cost 100,000 pris to pan Martin Pice and has made it to the course just once so far, not jumping well and racing too freely in blinkers at Ascot, finishing tailed off behind Lyphantaelle in January 1995. The stable reported that Captain Jack had schooled well recently, but is likely to need this run. Milliersforst won quite a competitive race in good style on his return at Keepston, beating Quart three lengths. He may find Hunters Rock too good today but seems sure to win more races, perticularly when sent chasing. The step up to this distance is very much in Klibanighen's towour and the will have improved for his fourth to Rosencranz here recently, while the Ayr bumper winner, Atavistic, ex-Irish Mersesonic and Southeen Seendake en the others to note.



TONWIDE FOOIDALL PTENS LEAGUE 174 MD LEAGUE Play

g a preview run Ork Q.R.W. R.ill Brundle, prepare abut this week

artin Brundle 1 ne veteran, cr.ist

W.

(()

Brundle

and wing-forum Howers, also on and will know the a Test even il die differ.

be played in it idition: quite p d a hard was in stion to play a this stage Burn

e could not cont 😼 England u iih erely lacking in

With fledgline eich as Viditi .iii.! anding Auddin utside-half Cas

Joelt Vidiri. Kiwi in 1995 Transon, had m ever.

lune that we w s on Springful h, l'éllane la e," admitted H s knee and of s opened the c d be introd or

pertormanre peeded. I to better person Lome hints: !! ayat Twekenti i east to play. The almost invib W, Man Nas II es. "How is: Twickenham a nd securing to ings. From our p not a Test buch

Zealand's 1 up so much his summer Ereal spension i to conduct in South / annal in Li should have I key atlait. Se Vhile Scan Lit band of nicar ers were in

al, the captail

picteristically

s le summert

and a very ex-

wekland how

all come all l

this down in

of the re-

All Black

Torkenhan

According to J.

Black conclus agentile Bart

no work not a gull New Acad

resent Glent

a this hall, and

home to resent

ies, are the m.

in comple

ny rughy w.

e believe th

been surpar-

"said the

Lor

prin

to fi

or p

eby Unk

thinking something through, then dis-appear at the crack of dawn for some meeting or other. He thrives on it. Rowell may occasionally come across as touchy and defensive under intense questioning - you know trouble is brewing when he addresses an adversary as "old chap" in a tone of voice that suggests hanging,

uch to be endured, little to be enjoyed." Jack Rowell

ciassics - he once baffled the massed

ranks of the press by quoting Milton

at them - and those words of Samuel

Johnson's seem to encapsulate the

England coach's mood perfectly as

he broods over exasperating lastminute injuries, agonises over errant

goalkickers and generally frets and

fumes his way through the build-up

to this weekend's opening interna-

tional of the season against Italy.

That, though, .. Rowel! all over, it

is almost as if he relaxes by refusing

himself a moment's relaxation. "He's

hyperactive," his wife, Sue. says.

He'll stay up into the small hours

has always dabhled in the

'I've been seriously inhibited by players being unable to train properly'

drawing and quartering is the softest available option. Last season was traumatic on the public relations front. Rowell turned on the press more than once during a fraught, if ultimately successful, Five Nations campaign. This time, however, he is keeping the tin lid on his frustrations. Try to direct the conversation towards a tender spot and he will say, simply and engagingly: "Let's steer clear of

Contrary to popular belief, he is loving every minute of his association with what amounts to a brand new England side; new captain, new engine room, new half-backs, new hack line, new broom. It is his side. after all, huilt in his own image with the raw material of his choice. Win or lose on Saturday, he will match his charges pint for pint deep into the night and outlast all but a handful of them. "I enjoy success on the field, the realisation of something a group of talented people have worked incredibly hard to achieve," he said. But I relish the camaraderie, the

closeness, every bit as much."

admits. "It's an inherent danger of being mactive for eight months and I can't do a thing about it. To add to my problems, I've been seriously inhibited by players being unable to train appropriately. Every time we hold a squad session, 10 or more turn up injured. What do you expect when

they're being asked to play two hard "We're still way behind the likes

es. "Against Italy, we will have to face of New Zealand and South Africa in up to a degree of ring rustiness," he getting our structures worked out. We've finally got a system in place whereby we can identify talent early and bring it through level by level, but it took us forever to achieve that. Quite honestly, our sluggislmess in that direction has cost us two or three years of progress."

The southern hemisphere preys on Rowell's mind, for there lies the ultimate challenge. Eighteen months

handedly destroy an England side the best New Zealand teams ever, who genuinely considered themselves capable of winning the 1995 World Cup. During the summer, he flew thousands of miles to watch the New Zealanders win the first Tri-Nations tournament and then beat the Springboks in a Test series of stupefying quality. The purpose? To build up a detailed mental picture, not only of the Ali Blacks themselves but of the precise method of beating them.

RUGBY UNION: England's coach tells Chris Hewett he has a new set of priorities to match the unfamiliar look of his side

Rowell worries over southern hemisphere

through the back three.

obviously gifted in all areas and all disciplines. They were playing in a user-friendly climate in South Africa people here tend to forget that we don't have decent playing surfaces during the winter months - but they had a rare mix in that they were able to attack from anywhere and everywhere, through the forwards or via the half-backs, through midfield or

Jack Rowell, the England coach, in pensive mood as he looks to the future and the fast and furious style of New Zealand and South Africa Photograph: Peter Jay moved on considerably since beating us in Cape Town. They still have the power game - indeed, their physical intensity has increased, with the big-bit tackles going in harder than ever before - hut their skills have been sharpened beyond recognition. It is almost like a fast and furious game of chess with the southern nations these days, and they are throwing our own stop-start style into ever sharper relief."

Cup that we would go through two difficult years and this will be the second of them. The side going into the World Cup was a mature one, obviously nearing the end of the read. The essential thing was to get our arms around some new talent immediately on our return. Last year we picked up on the odd individual, like Mark Regan and Jon Sleightholme, but this time we're going further. going further. With four freshmen in the side on

then. "Well, I said after the World

Saturday, England are taking their higgest gamble since sending a parboiled squad to Argentina in 1990. Rowell has had his eye on three of the new boys - Tim Stimpson, Andy Gomarsall and the remarkable lock Simon Shaw - for some time while the fourth. Adedayo Adebayo, has forced a place through sheer weight of performance on Bath's left wing. lection has not however, been a straightforward process, as the sacrificing of Jeremy Guscott indicates all too clearly.

'Putting together a back division has been a pretty complex business

"It wasn't particularly difficult to identify the forwards who could do the job for us but, with the modern game as it is, putting together the back division has been a pretty complex business," Rowell admits. When players come under pressure at international level, they tend to revert to the things they are used to doing. It's a safety-net reaction.

Fortunately, some of our club

sides have changed culture this season and, as a result, the players should not be totally unfamiliar with what we are asking them do to in an England shirt. But I need someone tu run the show on the field and by asking Phil de Glanville to captain the side, I think we can look to go forward in a more dynamic way.

"I'm not sure we will know exactly where we stand in world terms until the summer, when we've had a. chance to digest the lessons of the Lions tour of South Africa and our own Test in Australia. It might turn . out that we've made big strides or wemay still be inching our way along the road. Whatever the situation, we

They seemed to me to be one of Irish captain out of Test

DAVID LLEWELLYN

London Counties Argentina XV

The off-field argy-bargy between the senior clubs and Twickenham had threatened to leave the English game with egg on its face, especially after the majority of the First and Second Division clubs refused to release their players for matches between the various divisions and

the plethorn of touring sides. At Twickenham vesterday, facing the mighty scrummaging machine of the Argentinians, even the coaches had pulled out. although forward specialist Phil Keith-Roach did lend technical support. That lumbered Simon Dear, the former Rosslyn Park and England A lock, with the job of coaching a bits and pieces side from Third and Fourth Division clubs; there was even a Division Seven man (former Harlcquin Nick Killick).

picked. Sunday saw their first training session from which the team was picked. On Tuesday another hour or so including 20 minutes on the scrum machine for the forwards and finally a further scrum practice in the hotel car park vesterday morning. Hardly ideal preparation, and without the established stars who generally

make up the London Division it was not exactly a crowd-puller. They could have squeezed another 73,000 into the ground. But the 1,000 or so who did go saw a spirited performance, which lasted for three-quarters of an hour. In that time London even had the effrontery to take the lead when full-back Hamish Rushin steamed over after Andy Pinnock came in off his right wing to create an extra

man. Stand-off Craig Raymond then added the conversion. The Argentinians, still possihly jet-lagged, were not really tested uutside and ran in a total of eight tries, including a hat-

trick for the No 8 Pablo Bouza. But the expected capitulation up front did not take place. Ably captained by the former London Welsh prop Julian Davies, Lon-

don managed to hold their own. They certainly earned the £500 per man from the RFU - the same money the big names would have received - the hard way. The problem is they now have to repeat the performance, this time on Saturday as a curtain-raiser to England against Italy.

Londor: Trice Platin, Resender, Co LONDON COUNTES: H Roshin (HovenO; A Pla-JONDON COUNTESS: B Rounble O-tower(): A Pinnetth (Haward, S Baydell (Howard), J Blacomater (Esher), P Firster (Rosslyn Park); C Paymond (London Weish), D Jones (Haward), D Rees R-hward, R Villate (Howards Hostift), J Davies (Esher, capt), I Campbell-Lamerton (Rosslyn Park), J Fravier (Sole), P Ready (Esher), M Rosse 9 Hearth, C Strinlery (Orrell). Replacementon in Oldinam (Haward) for Brady, 47; A Tucker R, Weish I or Klaick, 58; B Pource (Haward) for Brady, 64; R Ashwards of Plusten, 64; D Raifelle (Rosslyn Park) or Campbell-Lamerton, 64; J Camberton (Haward for Campbell-Lamerton, 64; J Camberton (Haward for Rosslyn Sole), 64; Camberton (Haward for Rosslyn Sole), 64; Camberton (Haward for Rosslyn Sole), 64; Camberton (Haward for Rosslyn Sole). The Nest, 74,7 Coursea (West) for Jones 7s.
ARGENTIAN 307: D Garmantonio (E. Jurado, 46);
O Bartolucia (N Fernancies-Mirandia, 76), F. Gorcal, L. Arbasi (copt.) C Glay, 60,7, 150en; G Quesada, C. Barnsa; R. Grau (Piescan-Dall., 68), C.
Pictratron, M Scala, J. Sarrela, G Lianes (FernandeLabbe, 77), R Yayesgin, C. Viol. P Bouza.

captain and scrum-half. Niall Hogan, out of the Ireland team for Saturday's Test against Australia at Lansdowne Road.

Hogan, who sustained the injury in last week's match against Western Samoa, is replaced by Garryowen's Steve McIvor, a new cap, while the hooker. Kei-Wood of Harlequins, becomes captain. Wood, playing his first full international since he injured a shoulder in the World Cup against Japan in Bloemfontein last year, led Ireland A to their win over South Africa A

in Donnybrook last week. Australia have made four changes and two positional switches to the team that plays Ireland on Saturday from the side which defeated Scotland at Murrayfield. Jason Little, recovered from injury, comes in at right wing with

Tim Horan moving to centre while Pat Howard is omitted and George Gregan takes over at scrum-half from Sam Payne. In the pack Dan Crowley re-

places the injured Richard Harry

moves from No 8 to hlind-side flanker replacing Owen Finegan

Michael Brial comes in at No 8. Ben Clarke's chances of playing in Saturday's Test against Italy at Twickenham improved when he was able to train with the England party yesterday. The Richmond player had been such a doubt with a dead leg that the selectors had called up the Bristol captain, Martin Corry, as a back-

row reinforcement on Thesday. Moseley have withdrawn four players from the Midlands squad for Sunday's game against Queensland at Stourbridge: Moseley agreed to release the props Nathan Webber and Stuart McKinnon, plus the centre Dan Harris and hooker Dean Ball. But they changed their mind after a request from the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, who are in dispute with the Rugby Football Union. WILD TARE PAULEY & CONTROL AND AUSTROLISM TERM (v holend at Larendowne Road on Saturday): M Burker, J Letie, D Hechost, T Horar J Roff, D Kras, G Gengar p Olowkey, M Foloy, A Bodos, W Wangh J Estes capet, D Minta, D Wilson, M Ball, Raphacamarsky P Housel, S Payne.

Lorna Angles, the Bristol Roy-al Infirmary physiotherapist, will never forget the sight that greeted her when she rushed to attend Simon Shaw after he was injured last November against the touring South Africans, Transvaal, at the Memorial Ground.

England's brightest young second-row prospect lay screaming in agony, his left ankle hor-ribly disfigured, while distraught Bristol team-mates stood around him shocked, stunned and silent. Only weeks after recovering from a serious knee injury which had wrecked his World chances, he was again heading straight to an operating theatre.

But this weekend, exactly one year and one day later, Simon Shaw will play for England in a Test match at Twickenham. His recovery has amazed, if not

defied, expert medical opinion although Angles, who has worked for Bristol rugby club for five years, never doubted his fighting spirit would defy the odds.

naw's incredible fight

"It was a distressing incident," my eyes were trained on the play ers and Simon just didn't get up. When I reached him, I thought his boot had come off, then realised it was where his ankle had dislocated and everything was

facing in the wrong direction." Doctors at nearby South-mead Hospital stahilised Shaw overnight, before the orthopaedic surgeon, Gordon Bannister, operated the following morning to repair a donble dislocation, fractured shin and ligament damage.

"I knew Simon would have a a fight on his hands to get fully fit again, but I also knew, having seen him recover from his knee injury, that he would be up to it," Angles said. "He's got such a hig heart, and it didn't matter whal other people were thinking because he saw no reason why he shouldn't play rugby again.

fered a setback like that, it is all ... about mental attitude, the de- ! she said. "I can't remember if sire to get fit and the total com-

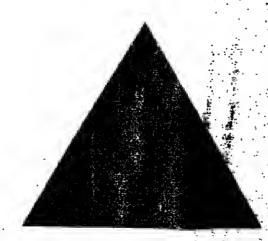
there was a ruck or a maul, but mitment which it requires. "During the weeks and months of his recovery process, Simon didn't complain about anything. He followed every medical instruction to the letter, but also had an advantage

because he is such a fit athlete." The plaster came uff shortly in. after Christmas, then it was into the swimming pool and gymnasium, before a remarkahly

swift return to first-team action at West Hartlepool un 5 May. . . ; Now, aged 23, the 6ft 9in gentle giant is ready to show Eng-1 ...

land exactly what injury has deprived them of, with Angles :... among his many well-wishers. ::: "I can enjoy a rare Saturday off " !! from rugby because Bristol aren't playing, so I won't be at Twick-enham," she said. "But I am so chuffed for Simon, he has worked so very hard to get what he has

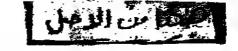
always wanted; an England cap.



Take away (in a somewhat dull, mathematical way.)

Take away (in an almost sensual, beautifully bottled way.)





Maradona

relieved

by court

success

Fallen idol Diego Maradona. saddled with a paternity suit and depressed by the jailing of his manager, and some good news

earlier this week when a judge

dismissed allegations of a

ruled there was insufficient ev-

idence to try Maradona for al-

legedly switching urine samples

with another player who tested

positive after a match for Boca

judge last month, Maradona

admitted to taking cocaine but

denied having switched samples. The 36-year-old has been

traumatised by the imprison-

ment of his manager and close

friend Guillermo Coppola on

cocaine-dealing charges, which

could land him a jail term of up

to 20 years.
Police found a pound (400

grams) of cocaine in a flower vase at Coppola's home three weeks ago. Coppola insists the drugs were planted.

The hero of Argentina's 1986

World Cup victory, twice banned from the sport for drugs,

has said this latest in a long se-

ries of scandals has sapped what strength was left in him.

hard to accept because I've

been a fighter all my life, but that's it. I've taken off my gloves,

I've no more strength to fight,

A 20-year-old woman iden-

tified only as Valeria launched

a paternity suit earlier this month against Maradona, who is married with two daughters.

Her lawyers expect the court

to order genetic tests within a

few days which they say will

prove Maradona is the father of

the seven-month-old girl.

Maradona said recently.

They have beaten me. It's

When he testified before the

Federal judge Carlos Branca

switched doping test.

Juniors last season

Lomu primed to fight for place

Rugby Union

New Zealand's rugby players used up so much emotional energy last summer in scaling the one great sporting peak left for rem to conquer - a series vicry in South Africa - that their arrival in London yester-Foiay should have been a gentle.

ow-key affair. Some hope. While Sean Fitzpatrick's lat-Lrest band of mean-eyed advenwi turers were in wisecracking mood, the captain himself was characteristically single-mind-ed as be summed up his party's ambitions. "It's been a long season and a very exciting one for all of us," said the record-breaking Auckland hooker. "But we haven't come all this way to let ourselves down in the last two games of the year, that's for

By way of underlining that these All Blacks, thinly dis-guised as the New Zealand Bar-barians, intend to avenge their 1993 Twickenham defeat when they resume hostilities with England on Saturday week, the management made it clear that the human mountain range known as Jonah Lomu would have to fight for his place. According to John Hart, the

All Black coach who is also in at the City Ground. charge of the Barbarians party. Lomu would not rate a place in the full New Zealand Test side at present. Glen Osborne, who soo this tour, and Jeff Wilson, Pi home to re-charging his batterdes, are the main men and, just to complicate matters, me by rugby watchers hack horpe helieve that Lomu has now been surpassed by the Fi-jian Joeli Vidiri, who qualifies

as a Kiwi in 1998. "if anyone had told me hack in June that we would win a series on Springbok soil without Jon ah, I'd have laughed in their face.," admitted Hart. "But Jon-ah is knee and shoulder problengts opened the door for Glen and he turned in some fantastive performances when they 5 better person for his sethacks, though, and I expect him to come back stronger

Lonu himself is desperate to play at Twickenham. "Of course I want to play," he said "I've set myself the goal of winning back my Test place and when you want something so badly, you'll do almost anything to get it." If all that was less than reas-

uring from the English point of jew, Hart was making no exuses. "How we see the game und see it may be two different lings. From our perspective, it not a Test match but a game

be played in the Barbarian adition; quite honestly, we've ad a hard season and arc in no asition to play a one-off Test this stage. But in saying that, e could not contemplate fac-England with a team comretely lacking in experience." With fledgling superstars sch as Vidiri and the two outanding Auckland talents, the atside-half Carlos Spencer id wing-forward Andrew owers, also on the trip, Engnd will know they have been a Test even if the tourists beg

Clark denies Forest team is for sale

Football

The Nottingham Forest manager, Frank Clark, has dismissed reports that he has been told by the club's board of directors to put his entire first team squad up for sale.
It was claimed that Clark had

been ordered to off-load his prospective buyers interested in taking over at the City Ground. But Clark insisted: "It's rub-

hish. To say that I've been making calls to managers telling them all my players are available for sale is just not true. What is true is that I have been in touch deal over one player going but that never got off the ground." Striker Brian Roy is believed

to the only player Clark would be willing to off-load hut there has been little sign of any movement for the Dutchman. The Forest board will meet

in the near future to meet representatives of the three bidders still in contention to take over They are understood to be a

consortium led by Lawrie Lewis, an Indonesian businessman and a group of local husi-nessmen. After meeting the three parties, the directors will then call an extraordinary general meeting at which the club's 209 shareholders will decide who are to become the new owners at Forest.

Clark will be hoping that everything is decided sooner rather than later as he is desperate for funds to try to strengthen bottom-placed Forest, who have not won since the opening day of the season.

But at least he has the consolation of having his current squad back to almost full fitness. Stuart Pearce and Kevin Campbell have suffered no reaction after coming through Monday's defeat at Sheffield Wednesday after injury layoffs. Chris Bart-Williams could also be in contention to return after a three-match absence with a thigh problem against Blackhurn next Monday.

The Portsmouth manager, Terry Ferwick, is hoping that the of the season if Archer re-

as the new coach of the Australian national team can bring his club an influx of fresh play-

Venables, who has also become chairman at Fratton Park in succession to his old friend and former chairman at Queen's Park Rangers Jim Gregory, is confident that he can handle the demanding dual role players because Forest's sub-stantial debts were putting off the 1998 World Cup finals and heading the First Division club.

Fenwick said: "Terry has got to make a living after all and Portsmouth aren't in a position to pay him a salary. He is very keen for the people of Portsmouth to know that his involvement with the club isn't with one cluh to try and get a some fly-by-night thing. He deal over one player going but wants to work with the club for a long time to come.

"Being chairman of Portsmouth and manager of the Australian side allows him to have the best of both worlds. In many ways this might even help Pompey. You never know, we might end up with a few Aussie players on our books if Terry thinks they are right for us." Venables still has an option to

buy the entire Fratton Park cluh for just one pound in a deal agreed with Martin Gregory when he was appointed as di-rector of football earlier this year. Disgruntled Brighton fans are stepping up the pressure on

the Football Association to help resolve the Third Division club's problems. They are planning a march in London before the match at

Fulham on 30 November and yesterday appealed for "all true football followers" to join them. A petition will be handed into the FA during the march, which will end in Hyde Park.
In the last home game against Mansfield around 2,000 supporters responded to a call

to boycott the fixture and

Brighton supporters groups have pledged to maintain the campaign until the chairman, Bill Archer, and the chief executive, David Bellotti, resign. Dick Knight, leader of the consortium attempting to take over the Third Division's bottom club, has warned that they will not survive beyond the end



in the National Basketball Association game on Tuesday, Houston won 122-93

Portuguese officials imprisoned

A former Portuguese referee eight months. All four denied escudo (£8,000) payment by and the chairman of a First Di- the charges which stemmed Lopes Rodrigues to Guimaro to vision club were sentenced to prison yesterday for hribery. Referes Jose Guimaro, who

told journalists he would appeal, was given 15 months after being convicted by a court in the northern city of Matosinhos of accepting money to influence the outcome of matches.

Leça cluh, Manuel Lopes Rodrigues, was sentenced to one year in prison, while two other

Boer will be out of the game

aging his left ankle in training

De Boer, who missed last

night's European Champions' League home tie with Auxerre,

will miss the match against

Grasshopper Zurich on 4 De-

until the New Year after dam-

on Tuesday.

from a 1993 investigation into match-rigging. Guimaro, 41, was arrested in

June 1994 after months of investigations in which police searched the homes of several referees and club directors. The case came to be known as the "case of the 500,000" after po-

favour Leca, who at the time were a Second Division club. The court case came at a delicate time for Portuguese foot-

ball, which has been shaken by a series of allegations of bribery and attempts to influence referees. Uefa, European football's governing body, is to probe allegations that the Portuguese champions, Porto, sought to drigues, was sentenced to one os (£2,000) in Guimaro's house, hribe a referee 12 years ago be-year in prison, while two other The prosection charged that the fore a European Cup-Winners' men were given sentences of money was part of a two million Cup match with Aberdeen.

ian referee who took charge of the game in 1984 have denied the accusations but Llefa decided to investigate given the seriousness of the allegations made by a Portuguese businessman, who says he acted as go-between.

Both Porto and the Roman-

Porto are also at the centre of another controversy over a holiday in Brazil for referee Carlos Calheiros in the summer of 1995. The club has officially admitted that it picked up the bill for the holiday but says it did so without realising who it was for.

Maradona lost a paternity suit four years ago when a judge ruled he was the father of a boy in Naples, where he played for Napoli in the 1980s. He refused to submit to genetic tests in that case, but his lawyers have not commented on the latest suit.

He also threatens to quit professional football. He has not played in a game for three months but trained with his Boca Juniors club on Tuesday.

Maradona showed up to practise for about half an hour in what he described as a show of solidarity with his coach, Carlos Bilardo, Coppola and his fans.
"I didn't come thinking about playing again but rather for Carlos, I came for Guillermo,

I came for the Boca boys and for all the people who love me." In the afternoon, he appeared to leave his troubles beby appearing television programme with his

The second leg will he wife and dancing, ironically, to the Elvis tune "Jailhouse Rock". The Spanish First Division club Valencia is seeking the return of Brazilian striker Romario to play for the side and Johan Cruyff as coach to replace

Luis Aragones. "Cruyff is being sought," spokesman Manuel Mas said. "Whether Romario returns would depend on the new coach, but it's being discussed." Valencia accepted the resig-

nation of Aragones within hours of the side defeating the Turkish side Besiktas 3-1 in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday.

The current chairman of the

lice found photocopies of a cheque for half a million escudos (£2,000) in Guimaro's house.

Belgium on 14 December.

Injury to keep De Boer out until new year The Ajax defender Frank de lands' World Cup qualifier in triumphant Euro 96 squad, a re-

> Germany's most-capped international, Lothar Matthaus, and the national coach, Berti Vogts, have ended their longrunning feud after a "peace summit" in Bono yesterday.

Matthäus, 35, refused to hide his disappointment at being

action which upset Vogts. "There have been irritations

but they should not and will not come up again," the DFB president, Egidius Braun, said in a statement. "This frank discussion will close this chapter."

Matthaus earned the last of his 122 caps in December 1994, seemed in doubt while Mauhaus

Achilles tendon and had to take almost a year off. It is unlikely the Bayern Mu-

nich captain will return to the national side, where Borussia Dortmund's Matthias Sammer has filled the libero role. But the meeting improves the chances for a testimonial match, which

Muller holds few hopes for Metz in Newcastle

Sylvianc Pictron leaned across the bar of Le Barca, the brasserie built into the main stand of the Stade Saint-Symphorien. "If we win in Newcastle," she said, "maybe we will change our name. 'The Magpie' perhaps.

The Magpies having flown from the home nest of FC Metz with a 1-1 draw from the first leg of their Ucfa Cup third round tie, the feeling left behind in the regional capital of Lorraine was that Kevin Keegan and his Newcastle United team had all but snatched a quarter-final place. "We only have a 10 per cent chance." Joël Muller, the Mctz

coach, said. "I don't think it is possible for us to win in Newcastle, but we hope, we dream." Mme Pierron was not dream-

ing when she told how Metz overcame even greater odds, and the mighty Barcelona after losing 4-2 in the Saint-Symphorien. Their 4-1 victory in the Nou Camp stands in the record books. "The French television sta-

White Sox

sign Belle for

a cool \$50m

The Chicago White Sox have made Albert Belle the game's

highest-paid player, signing him

to a five-year contract estimat-

(£30m).

option.

ed to be worth more than \$50m

Belle, who led the majors

with 98 home runs for the last

two seasons, has signed a a fiveyear contract with a one-year

The signing is a surprise

since it was believed the Flori-

tract, worth \$38m.

tions did not even bother going to Spain," Mme Pierron recalled of that Cup-Winners' Cup tie in 1984. "Everyone said Metz had no chance but this brasserie was named to remind the world that

The French are not expecting a Uefa Cup comeback. Simon Turnbull reports

only once failed to beat a Continental side there in a European tie. That, ironically, was in 1977, when Bastia recorded the most recent two-legged success by a French cluh against English opponents. Keegan, hefore heading

home, pointed to more recent history in an effort to discourage too much pre-hatched

St James' Park may not be "Meiz won 3-2 in Auxerre only quite so intimidating as the the week before last," the New-Nou Camp hut Newcastle have castle manager said. "They are a very good away team. This tie

is still wide open." Is could yet be turned against Newcastle by Robert Pires, the rising young star of French football, who is keen to join the growing Gallic contingent in England's Premiership and will see his trip to Typeside as an opportunity to place himself in the shop window. It is understood chicken counting on Tyneside. that the roving forward has al-

ready been offered to Newcastle, who - with their embarrassment of attacking riches apparently failed to show interest.

Muller may well be forced to lose his most saleable asset when Metz depart from the Uefa Cup, but in the early hours yesterday he was more concerned with the task confronting his team in the return

leg on 3 December.
"I was surprised by the strength of Newcastle's defence," he admitted. "But with Shearer they are another team again. They have even more possibilities "

Shearer's comeback schedule, assuming he returns to action at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. And Muller had no need to consult the record books to recall that the £15m man's first goal in interna-tional football was scored, on his England debut four years ago, at the expense of France.

match number four on Alan

Perhaps it is just as well that the Meiz coach played for Dunkirk in his younger days. His side will need a French variation of the Dunkirk spirit in the Toon Army's fortress on Tuesday

C Ovens (Aus) bt J Martin (Eng) 9-5 9-5 9-8; C Joddman (Eng) bt R Cooper (Aus) 9-1 9-4 9-4; J Wilson (N/2) bt 5 Schöne (Bert 10-8 10-9 9-2 2: L hving (Aus) bt F Geness (Eng) 10-9 9-2 6-9 7-9 9-9; S Homer (Eng) bt C Nibol (SA) 9-1 4-9 7-9 9-6 9-5; S Wight (Eng) bt T Weels (Aus) 9-1 9-3 9-4; S Fizz-Gerold (Aus) bt P Bleams (N/2) 4-8 9-8 0-6.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

sterday

artin Brundle, the Formula he veteran, crashed out durg a preview run for the Netork Q/RAC Rally yesterday Brundle, preparing for his raidebut this weekend, was on connaissance drive of one of Welsh stages when he slid off cy track and down a bank.

MAPTENS LEAGUE Premier Division: 8:1-

k Town v Numeaton. BOND LEAGUE Premier Division: Affre-

rown v rinchley.
NTINS LEAGUE premier Division: Leeds ole. First Divisions Aston Vitja v LincosNotes County v Maddlesbrough; Port Vale
entry. Second Divisions Grimsby v Wee.
Mansfeld v Manchester Divisions

Y INSURANCE COMBINATION LEAGUE

DUTH CUP First round: Weiting Utd v

Sday's results
CUP Third round first log FC Metc 1
a 67) Newcastle 3 (Boardstoy pen 31);
to IFn 3 (Ancierson 48, Noeto 70,
no 76) Humburg (Gen 0; Cub Bruges
Schalle (Gen 1 (Buestlers 50); Hels((Sinc) 0 Ancierecht (Ben 0; Instraide (2) SiStora 6, 57, Angioma 13,
sto Ganz 22, 65) Boaveta (Pon 1 (Bruges
23, Ferrera 82) Besidas (Tur) 1
rodu 33); Tenente (Spi 0 Feyencord 0
ONVIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE First Ditropic 13 Swandon 2:Man Cay 0 Hed-

et dissort Uni G Balton G. Postponnet: et di C: Colord Uni G Balton G. Postponnet: et l'esco e Vineti Uni. Second Divisioni: entit) 2 Brention I : Bristo Ris I Burn-petarborough O Gilanghom I: Prymoura stanfield 3: Pression 3 Lution 2; Stock-I Belekond C: Waddow! I Wycombe O. round: Crawe v Bristol City. Notts Crawe v Bristol City. Notts

srundle crashes on trial run The Ford Escort car - not the one Brundle will use in the three-day event which starts on Saturday - was damaged forcing him and his co-driver Roger Freeman 10 continue in

a different car. "It's no hig deal," said the 38year-old after the accident on the "recce" for the 9.14-mile stage at Gartheiniog.

v Walsall, Third Divisions Carlists 3 Cambridge
O: Colchester 1. Sountherpe 1. Derlington O
Exter 1. Doncaster 2. Northampton 2; Funham 2. Barnett: Hereford 1. Lincoln 1;
Swansea 1. Singrition O. Postsponed: Leyton
Onert v Wigar; Munisted of Crester: Encirclate
v Scarborough; Hardepool v Cardiff,
ERLI'S SCOTTISH LERGHE First Divisions
Partick O St. Johnstone 4. Postsponed: Est
File v Greenock Morton meaninged for Tues
26 Novi. Gill Wastohall Conferences; Spaiding Challenge Care; Bromsgrow 3 Northach
11561; Ketteng O Famborough 2; Rushiden
1 Stevenage 0. Postsponed: Worling v Welling.

ICTS LEAGUE Premier Division: Stanes O Enfield 2. Second Division: Ware O Wemb-ley 4. Geordian Insurance Cup second round: Betilord Town 1 Chertsey Town 0.

ley 4. Gournean Inchantication of the promote Bedford Town 1 Chertsey Town 0. UNBONED LEAGUE League Cup second reund: Barrows Bridge 1 Radiciffe Borough 5; Barrows Anth Gerens 0; Redon 2 Warrington 0; Spennymoor v Harrogate Town. DR MARTER'S LEAGUE Promier Divisions Buckingham Town 3 Enth and Belvedern 0.

HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE Shield Finel: Gal-

THISPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier Divisions Boston 5 Mintees Black-

MORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First DI-Vision: Trafford 3 Glossop North End O,

JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier League: Sudbury Wanderers 1 Hannich & Patiesson 3; Wabboys 3 March Yown Und 0; Waston O Wishoch Town 0 (abandoned).

way Utd 2 Limench FC 0 jafter extra time).

Premier Divisions Scision a remova sa storia 4: Extession, 1 Cogenhod 2: New Pagneti O Potton 4: St Neots 2 N Spence Stodald 4 kempston 1: Wellingboroug

SPORTING DIGEST

Basketball Hakeem Olajuwon, the Houston Rockets All Star centre, was taken to a hospiral with an irregular heartbeal at half-time of the home game against the Minnesota Timbervolves on Tuesday. He had complained of "a little jumpiness

MRA Toronto 99 Sectile 106; Cleveland 73 At-lanta 63; New York 92 Orlando 88; Houston 122 Minnesota 53; Monaufree 100 Dellas 97; Danier 88 Marm 104; Golden State 109 Los Angeles Laivers 112.

Boxing

Johnny Nelson and Ryan Rhodes, two Shaffield boxers, will both challenge for British titles on the same bill at the city's Ponds Forge Lessure Centre on 14 De-cember. Nelson will fight the Hackney weteran Dennis Andries for the vacant veteran Dennis Andries for the vacarian cruisoweigh title while Rhodes. 20 yes-terday, becomes the youngest-ever challenger for a domestic belt when he meets Paul "Silky" Jones, another Sheffield fighter, for the light-middle-

da Marlins had the best chance Cycling GHENT SIX-DAY MACE (Green, Bell) Leading positions after first day: 1 B Rss and K Besschaft Isher 115,000 22 A Rappes and C Wolf (Bert 76; 3 S Manurello and M Vela III) 73; 4 M Gamore Wash and J P Storm (Den) 64; 6 E De Wilde 1801 and A Ball (to 62; 6 J Veggerby and J Madsen (Den) 71. to lure Belle away from the Cleveland Indians. The Marlins offered Belle a four-year con-The White Sox owner and

chairman, Jerry Reinsdorf, said: Football 'Money wasn't what it was all The Scottish League yesterday backed referee Bobby Tait for allowing Tuesday's First Division mainth between Partick Thiste and St. Johnstone to take place. Partick were left without four of their firstabout, although this contract makes him the highest-paid player in baseball. He signed with us because he likes playlearn squad and Searts were missing two because the emplous westner prevented them reaching Firlial Park in time for the match, which St Johnstone won 4-0. The League's secretary, Peter Donald, sent: "The referee had no choice but to put the referee na so both sides owith field ing in Chicago and batting behind Frank Thomas."

Belle said: "It was important for me to stay in the American League. I like the way the organisation is emphasising a championship. Frank Thomas is a good friend of mine and I know he had some influence in getting me over here." Belle last week rejected the

Indians' five-year offer, worth

Cyprus have changed the date of their World Cup qualifier against Bulgaria to Saturday 14 December from Sunday 15 December, which would have clashed with Cypriot electrons. TRANSPERS: Mark Robins (brward) Larester Cay to PC Copenhagen from extended for further two weeks); Settment Brandessetther (defender) SX Brann (Nor) to Abertieen that.

the game on as both sides could field

ms made up of registered players."

FA GUP: Matches scheduled for Shy Sports ine coverage: Two 26 Nov: First-round re-step: Millads V World (7.45). Pri 6 Dec Soo-round round: Pyrmouth v Earlar 17.45. Eart 7 Dec: Second round: Cardid v Gillingham (6.0).

Rob Hil, Great Britath's leading gostacor-er in the Barcelona Olympics, yester-Gay returned to strugging Havent and will play his first game against Old Loughtonians on Sunday week. He has been out of senior hockey for the past three years, playing for Yeovil and Strethome.

ice hockey

BURGHAN LEAGUE (Township): Manchester Somm O Luipe (Swe) 11. NHL: Ottawe 1 New Jersey 2: Pittsburgh 4 St Luss 2: Tampa Bay 3 Lis Angeles 0; Toron-to 4 Buffalo 3; Washington 2 Boston 2 (ct); Ethnoriton 4 Chicago 4 (ct): Yancouzer 2 Dates 0. Motor racing

The 1994 champion, Gabriele Tarquini, is to return to the British Touring Car Championship next year at the wheel of a Honda Accord. The 3-1-year-old Tarquin, a veteran of 37 Grands Phy, hes sumed a browner deal with Tea signed a two-year deal with Team Honda Sport to partner James Thompson. The Championship will feature 24 rounds at 12 meetings next year.

Real tennis

NOSE CONTINS

BRITISH LAND BRITISH OPEN (Queen's Clab, London) Stagles first round: N Pendrigh IX A Lyons 3-6 5-6 5-3 5-1 6-1; J Mowell IX H Lotter 6-3 4-8 6-4 6-1; P Broke IX M Howard 6-4 6-5 9-5; IX Sheldon IX R Days 6-0 6-2 6-0; a McFarlane IX M Coghum 6-4 5-2 6-1; J Made IX S Virgona 6-5 6-1 6-1; O Jones IX M Eadle 6-3 6-4 6-4; P Tabley IX R Jans 6-2 6-1 6-1; Second round: R Gurm IX J Howell 6-4 6-5 6-6 6-5; F Tappedi IX P Brake 6-4 6-5 6-5; C Bray IX 8 McFarlane 6-2 6-1 6-2; M Happel IX O Jones 6-1 1-6 8-3 6-3.

Rugby League The Super League side Oldham Beers have followed up their capture of the Australian centre Nathan Turner with the signing of the prop Brett Goldspink from Parth Mentry Deck

Rugby Union COUNTIES OF ORIGIN SERIES (Twicken-hairs): London Counties 20 Argentins XV 63. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (Donaybrook, Dublink Lenser Under 21.29 New Zealand Un-der-21.3. TUESDAY'S LATE RESULT: Club match: Gougetter 33 RAF 7.

Sailing

A late scramble in Rio de Jeneiro saw Boris Webber's Courtaulds in sefe receipt of a new pole and a repaired spunnaker in turne for yesterday's start of the second leg of the BT Chaltenge to Welfington. The 14 yeachts were led away in very light winds and misty rain by Chris Tibbs in Concert, followed by Richard Merrweether in Commercial Union, Stimps Welfar in Resident and guirant tender. non Walker in Toshiba and current leader filike Golding in Group 4.

Although two days behind schedule to break the record of 109 days, the leading yachts in the Vendée Globe single-handed round the world race were perfected tracking food time leto the resterday making good time into the southern Atlantic, led by Yves Parlier, who is 79 miles ahead of Isabelle Autissier, with Christophe Augin another twe miles astern. Didler Munduteguy is expected to return to Les Sables d'Olonne with severe deck problems. After suffering damage during the high winds in the North Sea at the begin-ning of the month, Lawrie Smith's two ning of the month, Lawrie Smith's but development yeachs for next year's Whitbread race were forced to run for cover in northern Spein yeareday white on their way to the winter training camp in Vilamoura, Portugal, EF Education went into Coruna, followed by Smith taking EF Language into Bilboo, with assistance from the Spanish Sea Rescue Association, as westerly winds reched 60 knots.

UK CHAINFONSHIP (Frenton) Second round:
A Rebotous (Cent) bt S Lee (Eng) 9-8; T Murphy (N ki) bt M Price (Eng) 9-8; N Bond (Eng)
bt J Seel (Eng) 9-6; N (Egen (Seo) bt M Campbell (Sco) 9-5; 2 Sneddon (Sco) bt R Lawler
(Eng) 9-7; S Hendry (Sco) bt R Millers (Eng)
9-5; J Johnson (Eng) bt T Picht (Thai) 9-6; P
Hunter (Eng) bt J Westjans (Thai) 9-5; P

Sports books Donald McRae's "Dark Trade: Lost in Boxing" was yesterday named William HIII Sports Book of the Year, McRae, a 35-year-old South African who once taught English in Soweto before moving to London 12 years ago, won

£5,000. One of the judges, the broad-caster and author Frances Edmonds, said: "This book shows all the mage and misery of bowng, the drama and the ded-lection, and the inevitable despair of the modern-day gladiators."

Squash

The British pair, Chris Welker and Peter Mool, both beat Australian opponents yesterday to reach the semi-finals of the men's World Open in Pakistan. Walker, recently promoted to world No 4 for the first time but seeded fifth in Kerachi, defeated the 33-year-old third seed Brett Martin 15-10, 12-15, 15-9, 15-13 in 55 minutes. Nicol took 53 minutes to win 15-13, 15-8, 15-9 against Craig Rowland, the young player who had defeated the world No 1 Jansher Khan last month on his way to the final of the Tournament of Champions in New York, Jansher, the defending chempion, took just 31 minutes to best Smon Parke 15-3, 15-4, 15-8 and now faces Nicol in the semi-finals. Welker's last-four opponent today will be the second last-four opponent today will be the sec ond-seeded Australian, Rodney Eyles ONO-SEGUED AUSGRIRAL, HOGNEY Eyles
MEN'S WORLD OPEN (Karschi) Quarter-Brake:
P Naci (Scot In C Rowland (Aug. 15-13-15-6 158; C Walker (Engl M: 9 Men'th (Aug. 15-13-15-6 158; C Walker (Engl M: 9 Men'th (Aug. 15-10-1215-15-9 15-12, Jarsher (Phyn (Palu M: X-boer Jahan Risen (Palu) 15-17-13-15-17-15-15-7-15-6MONTE CARLO WOMEN'S OPEN First round:
M Martin (Aus) of R Maoree (Eng) 9-5-9-5-9-3:

> TODAY'S NUMBER

10

The number of years - as of today - that the Tipton Terror" Steve Bull has completed at Molineux since Graham Turner "stole" him from West Bromwich Albion for £50,000 in Wolves Fourth Division days.

Write Group: Thisser (Aut) of M Chang (US) 6-4 6-3. Red group: P Sampras (US) bit A Agues (US) 6-2 6-1.

CHASE WORLPYS CHAMPIONSISP (New York) Fixt rounds K Date (Lapan) Ix M Seles (US) 5-4 ret; S Grof (Gen bt K Heosudova (Slovek) 6-1, 6-4,

TODAY'S FIXTURES Football 7.30 unless state

FA YOUTH CUP First-round reptay: AFC Backethali

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leoperds v Sheffleto Sharks (7.0) Other sports SNOOKER: UK Championship (Presion).

The 1997 Guide to Quality Watches 140 colour pages packed with advice & essential info.

A must for anyone investing over £100 in a Watch. For just £4.95 plus 95p P+P Credit Cards-01733 890155 heques & P.O.'s he Winghtway Marketing Li (Dept == LN) 9 Flag Business Exchange Peterbourgh PEI 5TX

.....

\$40m.

football's foreign legion, page 28

Rowell looks south



Football

Scotland yesterday rejected Estonia's idea of playing their World Cup rematch in Cyprus in February and dismissed their alternative suggestion of the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan as a joke.

Jim Farry, the Scottish Foot-ball Association chief executive, believes a fair solution would be to play at a venue the equivalent distance to Tallinn about a two-hour flight and not make the supporters fly five-and-a half hours to Cyprus or even further to Azerbaijan.

"Somewhere around the equivalent would be a fair and equitable outcome," Farry said. "We need a temperate cli-mate at that time of year to en-

sure that the match progresses, so southern Europe would appear to be a more favoured spot perhaps southern France, southern Italy, southern Spain or southern Portugal."

Asked about the Estonian offer of Azerbaijan as an alternative, Farry said "I thought it might have been the first of

Lennart Johansson, the Ucfa Cyprus is too far away," he said. "But Azerbaijan is even further away and that's ridiculous. There must be places closer, places like Copenhagen or

somewhere like that."

Gerry Francis was hoping to complete the £2.3m signing of rext few weeks I will be looking Steffen Iverseo today. The Tot- at Savo carefully to see what I've tenham manager watched the 20-year-old Norwegian striker in action for Rosemborg against as good a combination as any. IFK Gothenburg in the Champions' League last night.

Totteoham have offered £2.3m and oo further hids will be accepted. Liverpool have er said anything against him."

shown interest but did not make an offer," a Rosenborg spokesman said.

Blackburn Rovers hopes of poaching Roy Hodgson from Internazionale to become their new manager were finally ended yesterday when the English coach renewed his contract

with the Milan club until 1999. The Aston Villa manager, Brian Little, yesterday told his striker Savo Milosevic he must start producing the goods and warned: "Unless the response

is right, f will act."
Little hinted he might still move for a new striker and Liverpool's Stan Collymore remains top of his list if Milosevic fails to deliver after rejecting a

move to Perugia.

Milosevic refused to speak to reporters after undergoing an extra training session yesterday, but Little explained in no un-certain terms what is expected of him; "I have told Savo that he has to do the business, play well and score goals. He also has to have the right attitude otherwise questions will be asked.

"One of the reasons that we were prepared to let him go was because he was not in the right frame of mind. He is under president, supported the Scots. pressure and will be under the spotlight more than ever from fans, his team-mates and the manager - and unless the response is right I will act. We will have to see how he

> "I will look at things objectively and do what is right for the team and the club. I want



Pablo Bouza goes over for a try during Argentina's comprehensive 63-20 victory over London Counties at Twickenham yesterday Report, page 30; photograph, David Rogers/Alls

Davies aiming to be first \$1m woman

Laura Davies goes into the first LPGA Tour Championship at the Desert Inn course in Las Vegas today knowing that victory will make her the first player in LPGA history to win more than \$1m in a season.

The British golfer has al-ready broken the record for earnings in a single season by winning \$897,302 (£560,815) this year, comfortably beating

the £539,736 woo by Beth Daniel in 1990. The first prize in the LPGA Tour Championship, which features the top 30 players in the mooey list, is \$150,000.

However, Davies is not alone in her pursuit of a place in the record books. Karrie Webb can also top the seven-figure mark having woo £532,000. That figure more than triples the record for a rookie, £163,821, set by Helen Alfredssoo in 1992.

is out of the running for that million-dollar feat, she can at least throw a spanner in the works of her two rivals by topping the US mooey list.

The event is now a fitting end to what has already been a history-making year for the LPGA, which did oot even have a Tour Championship when the season started. However, the LPGA's com-

missiooer, Jim Ritts, was detelen Alfredssoo in 1992. termined to include the eveot. The LPGA is clearly cojoying Although Annika Sorenstam "The addition of a Tour the best period in its 46-year-his-

Tour schedule has been a high priority in that we wanted to put a high-profile period to the eod of the LPGA season," he

Four new tournaments have already been added for next year. With 17 existing events also raising their purses, total prize moocy next year will be almost £19m, a 19 per cent in-

crease on this season.

tory and has not enjoyed such a high profile since Nancy Lopez was at her prime in the late When Lopez won nine tour-naments in 1978, including a

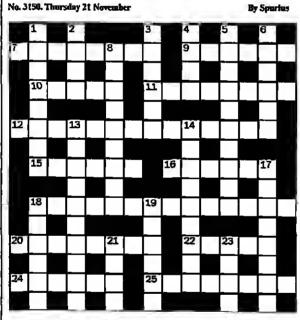
record five in a row, she earned a total of £118,320. However she has earned more than that this year without winning an event.

Tve seeo the LPGA grow tremeodously since I was a rookie." Lopez said as she prepared for the Tour Champion-ship. We're making a lot of

favourites for the meo's Worl's Cup in South Africa today even though the four-times winners. Fred Couples and Davis Love III, both miss the event. The Americans are represented by Tom Lehman, the Open champion, and Steve Jones, the US Opeo champion, in a tournament which has been weakened by the absence of many of the

The United States start a ...

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



- ACROSS 7 Breakfast food needing stir
- 9 John and Edward stole
- goods opportunistically (6) 10 Acknowledge producing commercial with German
- 11 Where some members of RUC may be depressed?
- 12 Good earnings for sales force in Oxford Street? (4.10)
- 15 Ailment boy's caught within one month (6) 16 Rider's reason for holding
- 18 Document providing insurance for landlord? (8, 6)
 20 Genteet law graduate runs into small difficulty initially (14)
- 22 Ration books featured in
- enior policeman (6)
- Supplement to fare from Hong Kong, maybe? (3, 5) DOWN
- Rio slum, possibly (8) Prudish person rigid in
- morals initially? (4) Models posing, rarely seen
- thai (10)
- a stone in, please" (4.5)

 13 Type of delivery which restricts 50% of shots? (4-6)

- Lamps above and below a
- French act displays a shortcoming (4) Nickname for squire, but used informally? Nothing in
- Recover silver which turns up during check (6) I'll have a sticky fruit with
- 14 Speaking wheo one's alone in the house? (9)

- 17 Chic angle possibly acceptable 10 eastern church (8)
- most square (6) One without protective
- Money order makes us al
 - clothing in new industry get-ting cut twice (6) Gown having decoration

with a bit of ruching on (4) 23 Jewel in ring father left (4)

TV keeps Champions' League | Court rules

ITV has signed a a new three-year deal with Uefa for exclusive British television rights to the Champions' League. The agreement completes a portiolio of football coverage which will cost ITV £45m per season and also includes the FA Cup and highlights of England's in-ternational games. ITV will not reveal how

much it has paid to Uefa to ex-

from the start of the Champions' League five years ago. However, with England represented in the competition by two teams from pext season it will

not have come cheaply.

Jeff Farmer, ITV's head of football, said: "It's a tremendous contract for us because the Champions' League delivers tremendous peak-time audiences, as high as 12 million.

club competition in the world and we are thrilled it has been retained on ITV and kept available for a terrestrial audience." Next seasoo the English champions will be automatically

seeded through to the group stages, which have been enlarged to accommodate 24 clubs rather than the present 16. The English runners-up and the Scottish champions will join qualifying round, which will be played over two legs. From the start of next season

ITV also has the FA Cup, which is currently broadcast by the BBC. Under the agreement ITV will have an exclusive live game on Sundays from the third round onwards and live coverage of the final.

ITV also has regional cover-

This is undeniably the best Riches for nostalgia merchants

hig names to staff a Dream League, never mind a team, and the chequebook took a hammering. Jack Walker would have been in his element.

Even Blackburn Rovers' benefactor, though, might have been stretched to snap up Billy Wright, Bobby Moore, the cream of Red Star Belgrade and Arsenal's famous championship-winning side of 1932.

Sadly, the legends were there in spiril only. Yet there they un-deniably were; in the form of caps, jerseys, medals autographs and faded sepia prints, and there was no shortage of buyers desperate to land their star. Some £305,000 changed hands at Christie's Auction House in Glasgow yesterday as the game's carefully-tended and

under the hammer. Wright, just as he did during his playing career, led the way

much-loved memorabilia came

Football's memorabilia went on sale in Glasgow yesterday. Phil Gordon reports

lad, who died in 1994 at the age they had done. Steve Butcher of 70, would probably have and Dave Dungar had both been a little embarrassed at the thought of everyone scram-hling over his collection. A large chunk of his 105 caps, along with medals, opponents' jerseys and a marvellous silver gilt-edged trophy, presented on the occasion of his centenary England appearance, realised a sum of £116,759. The trophy it-

self was sold for £9,200.

The private collector who bought much of Wright's legacy refused to speak about his purchase, or reveal his identity. Like a seasoned manager, he denied any interest in Wright or that he was the buyer. Sheer

speculation, presumably.
Two Wolves fans who grabbed their own little hit of the Wright stuff were more willing to talk about the deals

travelled up from the Black Country, with Dungar spend-ing more than £2,000 on one of Wright's England caps and a emorative teapot given to

the great man by another legend, Russia's Lev Yashin. "We're season ticket holders at Molyneux," said Butcher, old gold scarf draped round his neck, "and we didn't want to see this going to a private collector. We'll probably give it to the club to put on display."

All sorts of ephemera at-tracted all sorts of nudges and winks from the Christie's crowd. Caps belonging to the Scotland keeper Alan Pough; medals to Arsenal's Welsh favourite of the Fifties, Ray Daniel; Gary Birtles' European Cup medal, from Nottingham Forest's 1979

triumph. The most evocative item was a programme from that fateful Red Star Belgrade-Manchester United game in 1958, signed by all 11 Yugoslav players, which fetched £1,450. Victoria Gibson, of Christie's,

said: "This is our eighth annual auction and it's been a record total. Our houses in London do cricket sales but being Glasgow, this is where the bulk of our football clientele is. The Billy Wright collection

attracted massive interest and it looks like one of our best sales. Our best total before was £220,000 and it's a growing

This being Glasgow, parity had to be preserved. A batch of old Rangers programmes, including one from a historic friendly with Moscow Dynamo in 1945, fetched £450. However, Celtic came up with a late equaliser, managing the same sum for some of their 1960's Eu-

on fatal collision

Saiting

STUART ALEXANDER

ied closely by the United Kinari dom yacht racing authoritie three suspended prison sea tences have been handed dow by a French court following the death in St Tropez last year of crew member drowned as a suit of the collision involving yachts while racing.

But the organisers of event, La Nioulargue, were charged, although the pub prosecutor had originally call for a fine of £2,500.

The hearing, to investiga the death of Jacques Bourry the six-metre Taos Brett IV, ter it collided with the school Mariette, had been timed tr ncide with the 1996 event.

The court eventually fine's Thomas Perkins, the ownere and Thomas Eaton, skippeloth the Mariette, £6,000 each in title dition to the suspended ded sentence and imposed a similare penalty on Claude Graf, over er and skipper of Taos Brett

PLC, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, ondoo E14 SOL, and printed at Mir

Papers, 01988 840370

IN BRITAIN, PEOPLE WITH FLAIR MAKE GREAT WINGERS IN GERMANY, THEY MAKE GREAT TRES

Continental[®]

GEBMAN ENGINEERING WHERE YOU NEED IT MOST ON A CAR

